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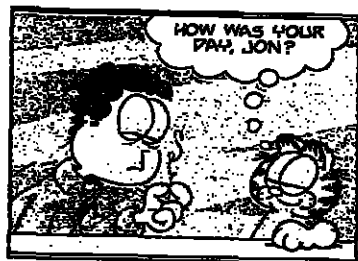
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All we know for sure is the menu

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK
By DANNA HARMAN

It is Shabbat at Wye Plantation and the sun-drenched volleyball court is deserted. A basketball lies abandoned on the grass, the helicopter landing is covered with leaves, the golf carts sit dormant and the dozen white mountain bikes propped up against a clapboard cabin look like they have never been ridden.

Buff security guards dressed in black stand motionless under the weeping willows, kosher catering trucks are lined up in the driveway, frogmen are in the river and the American flag has been hoisted.

The silence is striking, but the place is far from empty. Anticipation is in the air.

"They had pan-seared red snapper, baby pumpkin and autumn corn pudding with parsley twigs on the side," State Department spokesman James Rubin tells a hungry press corps, camped at a technical college about four kilometers down the road.

"Did they talk about the third deployment?" "What about the security demands?" "Is there an ultimatum?" "Any extraditions?" Rubin won't comment, but he will say that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Sara Netanyahu for a long stroll in the woods, and then had lunch overlooking the river. He has the menu, if anyone is interested.

It is hard to know what is going on inside the plantation. Even some of those who are inside are having trouble finding out — they periodically call the reporters outside to ask what the other delegation members have been leaking.

At first, even this was difficult to do, as no one could make outgoing phone calls from inside Wye — the Americans reportedly had scrambled the mobile frequencies.

Help came from an unlikely front: Aharon Domb, director of the Council of Jewish Communities of Judea, Samaria and Gaza. In between demonstrations against a possible 13 percent redeployment, Domb somehow figured out that by dialing a certain random combination of numbers, one could unscramble the scramble.

Sneaking out of the plantation Friday to do some shopping at the factory outlets nearby, Palestinian spokesman Ahmed Tibi asked to pass on his thanks to the telephone-unscrambler.

Domb, meanwhile, had moved on to new projects, such as petitioning the prime minister to let him into Wye for Shabbat on the pretext of being needed for a minyan. The Americans adamantly refused, insisting there were not enough beds.

So instead, Domb set out for the factory outlets to stock up on cookies. En route he practically bumped into Palestinian spokesman Marwan Kanafani, who was heading for the Nike megastore.

Meanwhile, back at the plantation, Industry and Trade Minister Nathan Sharansky is making *kidush*. President Bill Clinton — who skipped his 25th Yale Law school reunion for this historic weekend in the woods — is cajoling and convincing. Israeli Ambassador to the US Zalmay Shoval is sleeping chairs out to the lawn for an informal round of talks with Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat, and those in the know say that while the foliage is beautiful and the pan-seared snapper a delight, those "gaps" — the reason we are all here — still remain wide.

Clinton arrives for 'informal' sessions

By DANNA HARMAN and HILLEL KUTTLER

QUEENSTOWN, MARYLAND — Only scant progress was made in talks over the weekend at the Wye Plantation, both Israeli and Palestinian sources said yesterday.

The meetings held yesterday were informal due to Shabbat. There were several "strolls in the woods," and a quick visit by President Bill Clinton.

Today, the four working groups

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on interim issues and the security working group are to reconvene and push forward with efforts to resolve some of the outstanding issues. In addition, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon are scheduled to arrive at Wye today. They are both expected to play prominent roles in the negotiations.

Industry and Trade Minister Nathan Sharansky, who has been at Wye Plantation since the talks started on Thursday, met with senior members of the US administration's budgetary committee before the weekend to discuss the financial ramifications of a redeployment.

It is estimated that NIS 1 billion to NIS 3b. will be needed to move bases and build new roads if a redeployment does take place, and that the US will help with the funding.

Palestinian sources said that they, too, have been promised funds from the Americans to help implement the security demands.

Although no formal date has



President Clinton consults with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright (left) and National Security Adviser Sandy Berger at the Wye River Plantation's Houghton House yesterday.

been set for the end of the talks, there is a general understanding that by tomorrow there should be a preliminary statement as to how negotiations are proceeding.

By Tuesday, a declaration is expected to be made about whether an agreement has been reached.

Netanyahu is scheduled to be back in Israel on Wednesday to open the Knesset's winter session, but coalition chairman MK Meir Sheerit, who was in Washington over the weekend, said that the prime minister's address could be

postponed if the prime minister wants more time.

"If results are not reached at this meeting — it will be a disaster for the whole region," said Sheerit, adding that for Netanyahu at this point, "not returning with an agreement is a worse political risk than the other way around."

Meanwhile, a top Palestinian security source said that many gaps have been bridged between the Americans and the Palestinians regarding security demands.

The source said that Palestinian

Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat had handed the Americans a detailed security paper — a point by point rebuttal to the Israeli working paper — when he was in New York two weeks ago.

Last week in Israel, Palestinian security chief Mohammed Dahlan held meetings with CIA chief George Tenet, Chief of General Staff Lt-Gen. Shaul Mofaz and Netanyahu to discuss this security working paper, and understandings were reached, the source added.

The Israelis, however, maintained they are unaware of any gaps on security issues being bridged.

"There has not been too much progress made, and basically I am pessimistic," said a top Israeli negotiator on security.

Other diplomatic sources confirmed that key security issues remained unsettled, and that Netanyahu and Arafat had exchanged allegations that suggest mistrust between the two leaders persists.

At one face-to-face meeting Friday, the sources told The

Associated Press, Netanyahu raised an old complaint about thousands of cars being stolen from Israel. The sources, insisting on anonymity, said Arafat responded that Jewish settlers were the thieves.

On another touchy point, the sources said, Arafat told Netanyahu that Jewish extremists were collaborating with Arab extremists.

Of the 21-member Israeli delegation, five are working solely on the security paper, including the deputy chief of the Mossad, the deputy chief of the General Security Service and two generals.

None of the negotiators would predict the outcome of the meetings. Much hope is being pinned on Clinton's personal abilities of persuasion. Several Israeli delegates assessed that any substantial Palestinian concessions would only be made in direct talks between Arafat and Clinton, and only at the last minute.

Israeli-Palestinian committee meetings on security, the Gaza airport, economics and a West Bank-Gaza "safe passage" route dominated the first full day of the summit Friday. No progress was reported on these issues.

Israeli and American officials denied that Clinton, who opened the proceedings on Thursday, had presented Netanyahu and Arafat with an order to conclude negotiations by Tuesday.

"We do believe that the pace of the work, the seriousness of the work, the pragmatism that the delegations are bringing to bear, the constructive approach, is there. Whether that will be enough is still an open question," State Department spokesman James Rubin said.

Rubin said that in just the first 24 hours there was "a better and more constructive atmosphere, and more pragmatic atmosphere, to work on these problems than there had been in the past. ... The informality of it has increased and it isn't as stiff as it used to be."

Netanyahu's dinner companions Friday night included several settler leaders, who came to petition him against signing a redeployment deal.

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Hollander: No more 'political' appointments

By Jerusalem Post Staff and Itim

Civil Service Commissioner Shmuel Hollander has notified the government that it must now publish tenders before making top-level appointments to such positions as cabinet secretary, state attorney, and economic attaché.

In all, there are 50 jobs now covered by the new rule, which does away with an arrangement by which some political appointments were permitted.

The rule is expected to scrap the practice of appointing a certain number of outsiders to high-level Foreign Service positions, unless a tender is issued beforehand.

In addition, the posts of head of Finance Ministry departments, heads of Interior Ministry districts, and director of the Israel Lands Administration would also be open to competition.

Publishing a tender gives a wide range of candidates a chance to apply for a position before an appointment is made.

Hollander sent a letter to cabinet ministers over the weekend saying that according to a Supreme Court ruling, which last week disqualified the appointment of a director for the Housing Ministry's Rural Construction Authority, most senior appointments made by the cabinet, or that require cabinet approval, would require the publishing of tenders beforehand.

Hollander also noted that he would coordinate with the Justice Ministry to establish criteria by which certain positions could remain exempt from the tender requirement.

British arrest Pinochet on Spanish murder charges

LONDON (AP) — Former Chilean dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet was arrested by British police Friday on a Spanish extradition warrant, despite protests from Chile that he is entitled to diplomatic immunity.

Two Spanish judges are seeking to question Pinochet about the slayings of an unspecified number of Spaniards in Chile between September 11, 1973, the date he seized power, and December 31, 1983. No reason for the dates was given.

Chile said it would protest to British authorities, arguing that the 82-year-old senator-for-life has diplomatic immunity.

But Britain said Pinochet does not have immunity. British law recognizes two types of immunity: state immunity, which covers heads of state and government members on official visits, and diplomatic immunity, for persons accredited as diplomats.

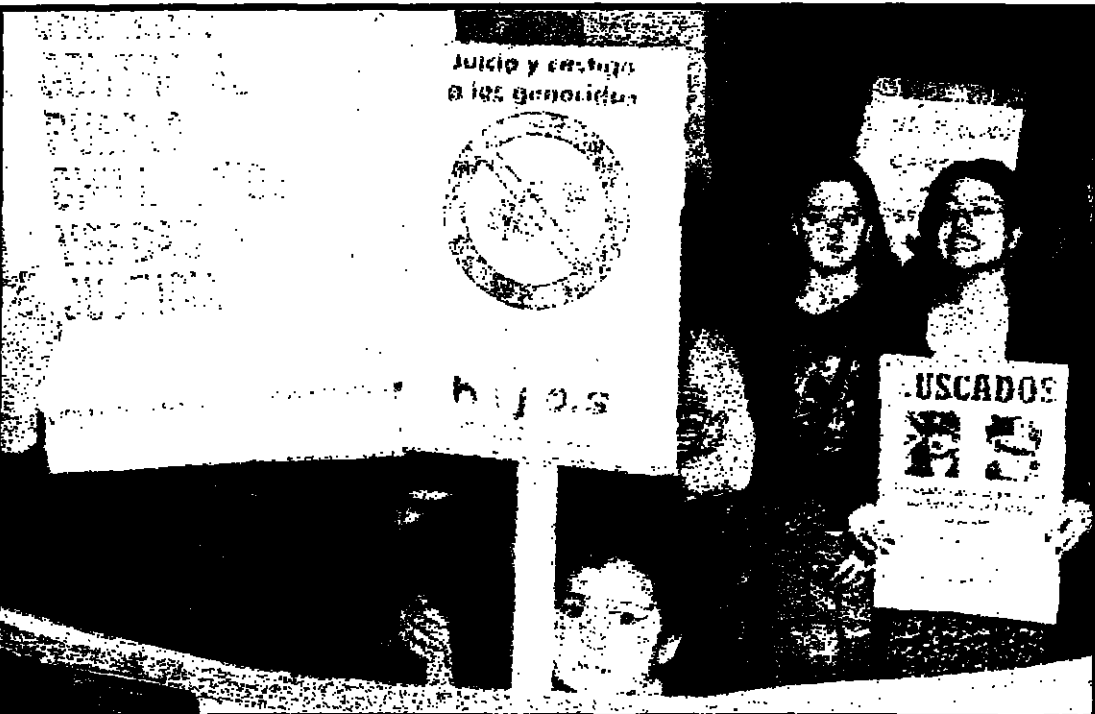
Pinochet, whose ruthless regime was widely criticized for its human rights record, was recovering from surgery in a London clinic when he was arrested Friday night.

Scotland Yard refused to confirm Pinochet's whereabouts, but his Santiago spokesman, Fernando Martinez, said he was in a London clinic when police came for him.

A regular visitor to Britain, Pinochet underwent surgery October 9 for a herniated disc, a spinal disorder which has given him pain and hampered his walking in recent months.

Police officers in flak jackets accompanied by a support vehicle were stationed outside the London Clinic in central London, where he is rumored to be. Officials at the clinic refused to comment.

In a statement issued in Oporto,



Chilean protesters hold banners that read 'Chile demands truth and justice for the crimes against the people' and 'Trial and punishment for the people guilty of genocide' in front of the British Embassy in Madrid yesterday, after former Chilean leader Augusto Pinochet was arrested in London on murder charges at Spain's request.

Portugal, where President Eduardo Frei is attending the Ibero-America summit, the Chilean government said it is "filing a formal protest with the British government for what it considers a violation of the diplomatic immunity which Sen. Pinochet enjoys."

Chilean Foreign Minister Jose Miguel Insulza said the arrest created "a delicate domestic and international situation for the Chilean government."

Chile has previously said it does not recognize the authority of foreign courts over incidents within Chile.

Jeremy Corbyn, a lawmaker from Britain's governing Labor Party, applauded the arrest. "It will be the first time this ghastly dictator has faced questions," he told Sky Television. "He is one of the great murderers of this century."

Richard Bunting of the human rights group Amnesty International, which has frequently criticized Pinochet, said the British government was "under obligation to take legal action" against him.

It was not immediately clear which clinic was treating Pinochet, who is 83 next week. Staff at the London Bridge Hospital, where he reportedly had surgery, refused comment. He has a pacemaker and hearing aid, but is generally in good health.

Baltasar Garzon, one of two Spanish magistrates handling probes into human rights violations in Chile and Argentina, filed a request to question Pinochet on Wednesday, a day after another judge, Manuel Garcia Castellon, filed a similar petition.

Dozens of Spanish citizens in Argentina during the 1976-83 military dictatorships.

Pinochet is implicated in Garzon's probe through his involvement in "Operation Condor," in which military regimes in Chile, Argentina and Uruguay coordinated anti-leftist campaigns.

The extradition warrant alleges that "between the 11th September 1973 and 31st December 1983 within the jurisdiction of the 5th Central Magistrate's Court of the National Court of Madrid he did murder Spanish citizens in Chile within the jurisdiction of the government of Spain."

Pinochet, the son of a customs clerk who ousted elected president Salvador Allende in a bloody 1973 coup, remained commander-in-chief of the Chilean army until March, when he was sworn in as a senator-for-life, a post established for him in a constitution drafted by his regime.

While in power he also pushed through an amnesty covering crimes committed before 1978, when most of his human rights abuses allegedly took place. One official report says 3,197 political opponents died during his term and 1,102 people remain unaccounted for after being detained by his security agents.

Britain's Home Office said that the Spanish government had 40 days from the time of Friday's arrest to submit a formal extradition request. Under a 1989 law the final decision on whether to extradite Pinochet will rest with Home Secretary Jack Straw.

Dozens of Chileans chanted and waved banners outside the British Embassy in Madrid yesterday, to praise the arrest and demand that justice be done.

NEWS

in brief

Gasoline prices up slightly

The price of gasoline went up at midnight last night, with 96 and 95 octane both selling at 0.89% percent higher. Both now cost NIS 3.39 a liter.

The National Infrastructure Ministry said in a statement that the new prices stemmed from changes in prices of oil in the Mediterranean basin and changes in the exchange rate of the shekel against the dollar.

Jerusalem Post Staff

Student leaders to meet Neeman, Eitan today

Leaders of the National Union of Israeli Students will meet with Finance Minister Yashov Neeman this afternoon in an attempt to head off a planned nationwide strike of students at institutions of higher education, scheduled to begin Thursday.

This morning, student leaders will also meet with deputy Prime Minister and Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan, who asked for the meeting to hear their case.

A spokesman for the students said that if the strike begins Thursday, it will initially encompass those institutions, including the Technion, which begin studies today. If no solution is reached, the strike will extend to the rest of the institutions of higher education, which begin studies next Sunday. The students are seeking a significant reduction in tuition fees.

Aryeh Dean Cohen

Artist's comments generate protest

Remarks by painter Uri Lifschitz, who called for all "superfluous" people - including homosexuals, the disabled, the old and the unemployed - to be "eliminated," have led advocacy groups to organize a demonstration at the Supreme Court building today, to demand that his exhibit there be removed.

Lifschitz made the remarks in an interview with *Ha'aretz's* weekend magazine.

Maozia Segal and attorney Michael Kirschenbaum, both disabled IDF veterans, plan to file a police complaint against Lifschitz.

"I read his words and I was in shock," said Segal. "This is a fascist Nazi in the full sense of the word. This insanity could encourage other crazies."

Kirschenbaum said the complaint will allege that Lifschitz was guilty of incitement to murder and to violence.

Itim

Jordanians and Israelis fight fire together

Jordanian and Beit She'an area firefighters together fought a blaze that broke out midday Friday near Kfar Ruppin in the Beit She'an Valley, finally bringing it under control in the evening. Some 300 dunams of forest and natural brush were destroyed.

The fire started on the Jordanian side of the border, but spread to the Israeli side.

There was also a fire at the Megiddo junction Friday afternoon, which burned several dunams of brush and grass lands. That fire had several flashpoints, leading fire officials to believe it was the result of arson.

Itim

Foreign worker seriously hurt in crash

A 39-year-old foreign worker sustained some "very serious" injuries when his car crashed into a tree on a road near the town of Be'er Sheva, police said.

The driver, who was not identified, was taken to a hospital in Be'er Sheva, where he is in critical condition.

The car was a 1995 Ford Taurus, registered in the United States.

Police are investigating the cause of the crash.

Itim

2 Israelis roughed up by PA guards

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Angry settlers blocked roads near Beit El, Psagot and Ofra for several hours Friday morning, after Palestinian security guards detained, beat and fired at two settler security guards who had chased a suspected stone-thrower into a Palestinian-controlled area.

Avigdor Shatz, the head of security for the Binyamin Regional Council and his deputy were patrolling Highway 60 near Beit El by vehicle earlier Friday when stones were thrown at them from a passing car.

They pursued to jot down its license number, and during the chase they unwittingly entered a Palestinian-controlled area, Shatz said.

Palestinian security personnel forced them out of their cars at gunpoint.

"We were pursuing a car that travelled passed the Yesh Junction northward and

without realizing it entered Area A, we thought it was Area C," Shatz said on Israel Radio Friday morning.

"A person called out to us to stop the vehicles and within minutes we were surrounded by armed Palestinians in civilian clothes," he said.

"We were pushed into a guardhouse and then they started firing shots in the air over our heads and at our feet. I was sure my deputy was injured."

Other Palestinians ripped out walkie-talkies and other electronic equipment from their vehicles and also stole medical and rescue equipment.

Shatz said that the ordeal lasted for 40 minutes before they were taken by car to the District Coordinating Office in Ramallah, where they were questioned by West Bank Preventive Security Chief Jibril Rajoub.

Rajoub apologized for the incident and the men were released.

According to the Oslo Accords, Palestinian security personnel are not permitted to arrest Israelis.

Palestinian sources confirmed that their guards had seized the weapons of the Jewish settlers and then beat them.

PA security officials said that the guards were those of Mohammed Abbas, who is also known as Abu Mazen, a deputy to PA Chairman Yasser Arafat. The guards had feared that the Israelis were on their way to attack Palestinians, the security officials added.

Samir Canaan, a senior representative of the PA Preventive Security Apparatus, was quoted as saying that "what happened was that there were two Jews, who have no right to enter our area, ... settlers and very dangerous. So our people tried to act accordingly."

The IDF lodged a complaint and the settler guards' equipment was returned.

Beit El Mayor Uri Ariel said at the protest: "we will not tolerate the Palestinians violating the agreements and endangering our lives."

Shlomo Filber, deputy head of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza said that "if an agreement is reached at Wye we fear that what happened today will become more widespread as the Palestinians will receive control over additional areas."

In an unrelated incident on Thursday night, shots were fired at a guard post at a cement factory near Migdal Oz in the Bethelhem region, causing no damage or injuries.

In response the IDF imposed a curfew on the nearby village of Beit Fajar and launched searches. The curfew was lifted on Friday morning.

Steve Rodan and Mohammed Najib contributed to this report

Sharon visits Hussein at Mayo Clinic

ROCHESTER, Minnesota (AP) - If Palestinians show determination to fight terrorism, they will find that Israel is ready for concessions, Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon said Friday.

"If the Palestinians have the same intentions to reach peace and understand all that goes with it, we can reach such peace," Sharon told reporters.

Sharon was at the Mayo Clinic to visit Jordan's King Hussein, who is being treated for lymphatic cancer.

Sharon and Hussein first met with other officials from both countries before going into a private meeting.

During the meeting, Sharon emphasized the importance of the security issue and the role of the Palestinians in trying to curb terrorism as a condition of any agreement, said Eitan Nach, a spokesman for the Israeli consulate in Chicago.

"The king plays a very important role in our region," Sharon said after the meeting. "There is no other leader in the Middle East with so much experience and so many years in office."

Hussein's chemotherapy is expected to be finished in late October or mid-November.

"The king is in good shape, high spirits and has demonstrated courage, which is known to all," Sharon said.

Sharon left Friday for New York, Nach said, adding that he planned to travel last night to Maryland to attend the Wye summit talks.

"The Israeli government and myself regard this summit as a way in which to have a lasting peace in the Middle East," Sharon said.



Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon (left) talks with Jordan's King Hussein at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota on Friday. (AP)

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat was also scheduled to visit Hussein in Rochester, according to an Arafat spokesman, though Mayo officials wouldn't confirm that.

Arafat fires PA deputy minister

By STEVE RODAN and MOHAMMED NAJIB

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat has fired a deputy minister amid charges of corruption, a PA official said yesterday.

Labor Minister Rafik Natshe said Deputy Labor Minister Hisham Anbawi was ordered removed from his post by Arafat. Natshe said the decision to remove Anbawi was taken as

part of Arafat's cabinet reshuffle in August.

Anbawi had been widely accused of graft and mismanagement, and Arafat was besieged by demands for the deputy minister's removal.

"We are serious in our efforts to rearrange the internal affairs at the ministry," Natshe said. "We are carrying out the responsibility of dealing with any mistakes that have been made."

Natshe said Arafat has made

the fight against corruption a major part of his policy. He said Anbawi's removal was completed without incident.

The labor minister said Arafat is looking for another deputy for him. Natshe was appointed in the new cabinet endorsed by the PLC, replacing Samir Ghousha. In the cabinet reshuffle, virtually all ministers who were not in Fatah were removed and replaced with prominent members of Arafat's movement.

QUEENSTOWN, Maryland - Sensing a diplomatic setback in just the second day of the peace talks here, the American sprang into action. He rushed for the Israeli, escorted him over to the Palestinian and had a talk with them both. The understanding reached, the Israeli and Palestinian shook hands.

And what was it that so concerned State Department spokesman James Rubin?

That his counterparts, Aviv Bushinsky and Marwan Kanafani, the spokesmen for Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, were breaking the media blackout by talking with the press.

The scene: outside the main press center at Chesapeake College, two miles from the Wye summit. Rubin had just finished briefing reporters Friday afternoon. Bushinsky and Kanafani turned out to hear how Rubin would describe the proceedings.

With reporters dumbstruck, Rubin, standing between the two, reminded the men of the trilateral understanding that members of the Israeli and Palestinian delegations were not to be speaking with the media, so as to reduce the kind of posturing that could harm the atmosphere of the negotiations.

Rubin (not happy): "I don't know who talked first, but let's just stop it, okay?"

Kanafani: "Yeah, fine with me."

Bushinsky: "And what will happen if someone will breach this agreement?"

Rubin: "Then we will take it up with the leaders."

Kanafani (sarcastically): "If someone asks me about my daughter, can I talk?"

Rubin (not amused): "Well, it would be helpful if we just avoided it. You'll have plenty of time to talk about your daughter after Sunday."

Kanafani: "I did not talk about the negotiations. I did not talk about what is happening." Reporter (laughing): "Would you classify this press violation as grave? Serious?"

Rubin: "Assuming we will continue according to the agreement everyone reached, I am sure that the constructive and pragmatic atmosphere will continue... Okay? Terrific!"

And so the first interim agreement of the weekend occurred.

Likud MK and coalition chairman Meir Sheerit joined Labor MK Yossi Beilin on a short visit to Washington and Wye. They were brought here by the Center for Middle East Peace and Economic Cooperation, a pro-peace process group.

Neither man is participating in the negotiations. But both said they had agreed to come to support Netanyahu against political threats from the Right as he tries to conclude a deal with Arafat.

"I believe that making an agreement will give him the security net which is needed for a redeployment," said Sheerit. "I represent the Prime Minister. I don't speak in the name of the Right [or] the Left, but the center. If there is an agreement, it'll support the existence of the government. The threats of the Right are only the threats of an empty gun."

Said Beilin, a vociferous critic of the prime minister: "Of course I'm critical of the fact the government is not implementing the interim agree-

ment. I didn't come [here] to support him ... [but] it's very important for Netanyahu to know we are there to support an agreement that'll be signed - and we will not join the extreme Right to topple him."

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Expert: Turkish jets likely to attack Syria

By DOUGLAS DAVIS

LONDON - Turkey is likely to launch "American-style" air strikes against targets in Syria as well as the Bekaa Valley in eastern Lebanon, according to Cairo-based Turkish affairs specialist Mohammad Harb.

Harb, a professor at Egypt's Ain Shams University and head of the Center for Ottoman and Turkish

Studies, made his assessment in an interview with the Arabic-language newsweekly *al-Watan al-Arabi*, published in London Friday.

He said he initially believed the Turkish rhetoric was a bluff, but after visiting Turkey, "I realized that my initial analysis was incorrect."

"What I now believe is that Turkey is going to launch air strikes against what it perceives to be

training camps of the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) in the Bekaa Valley," Harb said. "They might also try to hit the Damascus suburb where they think [PKK leader] Abdullah Ocalan lives. It will be an 'American-style' strike, similar to the recent US raids against Sudan and Afghanistan."

"The Turks," he said, "will try to achieve their political and military objectives through a series of lightning raids. There will not be a total war in the military sense - despite the fact that the Turks are able to wage such a war, their army being larger and stronger than the Syrian army."

Harb also predicted that Washington would not oppose Turkish military action.

"Quite simply, the US will not oppose any action that might be to Israel's advantage," he said. "Weakening Syria is to Israel's advantage. A Turkish strike will embarrass Syrian President Hafez Assad and cause him to lose prestige at home."

"On the wider Arab front, the Arab countries cannot do anything to aid Damascus unless the situation spills over to involve other parties. This explains the position Syria is adopting at the moment."

"Syria understands that events are moving to Israel's advantage, so it is trying to calm the situation down by calling for dialogue. The best proof of that is that Damascus has not sent any troops to the border region. Commercial traffic is also flowing normally between the two countries."

Moreover, he said, Syria could not concentrate significant numbers of troops along its 877-kilometer-long border with Turkey because it cannot afford to move troops out of the front lines facing Israel.

"That also explains the confident tone of the Turkish threats," said Harb.

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According to Netanyahu's spokesman, Aviv Bushinsky, they included Pinhas Wallerstein, the chairman of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, Aharon Domb, the council's director-general, and council spokeswoman Yehudit Tayar.

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Environmental laws to be enforced in Judea and Samaria

By LIAT COLLINS

The Judea and Samaria Association of Towns for the Environment has welcomed new regulations which enable Israeli environmental laws to be enforced in all the areas under the jurisdiction of Israeli local authorities in the West Bank.

"Together with the enforcement of the Business Licensing Laws in Judea and Samaria which have been in force since September 1995, the environmental protection laws create a package deal which will enable polluters to be prosecuted at last so it's a very important step," said Yaela Liebsohn, spokeswoman for the association.

She noted, however, that since the regulations are not in force in areas under Palestinian control, polluters still cannot be prosecuted in some of the most environmentally sensitive places. This makes it difficult to deal with such issues as sewage pollution emanating from Palestinian Authority-controlled towns and the dumping of waste by Israeli contractors in wadis and unauthorized sites in Palestinian-controlled areas.

Until now offenders causing environmental hazards in Judea and Samaria largely went unpunished because of the legal loophole created in those places where Israeli law is not in force except through regulations issued by the IDF and the Civil Administration. But at the beginning of the month, the military command in Judea and Samaria issued the new regulations enforcing Israeli environmental laws.

The main regulations concern the laws on air pollution and noise, the handling, storage and transport of hazardous materials, anti-litter regulations and water-pollution prevention which includes regulations on sewage and industrial wastewater.

Although the regulations will allow for ordinary citizens to be fined for dropping litter and other violations, they are mainly aimed at larger bodies such as industries and local authorities. The Israeli law was recently amended allowing for much higher penalties for illegal dumping of waste and litter and can reach a maximum fine of NIS 50,000 for businesses and industrial concerns.

Pilot program launched for integrated Jewish-Arab schools

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Thirty-two first graders from Misgav in Galilee and 21 Jerusalem kindergartners — about half of them Jews and the other half Israeli Arabs — have been placed in an experimental school program aimed at introducing integration and bilingualism into the education system.

Run under the auspices of the Nissui elementary school and the outgrowth of efforts by the Center for Bilingual Education, a non-profit organization established two years ago by co-directors Lee Gordon and Amin Khalaf, the program is aimed at creating a network of integrated, bilingual Jewish-Arab schools.

Both classes are recognized and supported by the Education Ministry, Gordon said.

"For 50 years, there has been one educational model which said the Jews study in their schools, the Arabs in Arab schools. Parents and children have never had the choice of an integrated environment, and definitely not an integrated, bilingual environment," he explained.

"We're saying that we want to offer this as an option, even if the majority won't choose it...We also believe that coexistence is not an issue of once a year bringing together some high school pupils at a place like Givat Haviva or Nevev Shalom. We believe parents and children in Jewish and Arab communities should have options, and should be able to build partnerships on an ongoing basis, day by day, week after week."

The Jewish students at the Misgav school come from surrounding settlements, while the Arab pupils come from the villages of Saknin, Kaukab and Sha'ab.

According to Gordon, there is a goal of teaching the pupils to read and write fluently in both Hebrew and Arabic by the second grade.

"There was some minor opposition, mostly by people who were concerned about what they called 'Israelization' of the schools," said Khalaf. "But for the most part these were people who did not know what we were all about. The majority welcomed the idea."

Khalaf said that the Arab youngsters would learn the same things they learn in Arab schools, but be exposed to "an atmosphere of equality."

Earlier this year, Kassem Abu Elhija, head of the Kaukab local council department of education, said of the Misgav school plan:

"We live in close proximity to our Jewish neighbors. We are always talking about values, peace, equality and so on. But if we don't live them, they will only be theoretical."

The school in Misgav has its own building, outside an existing regional school, and the idea was welcome by regional leaders, including Arabs.

The Jerusalem program grew out of a preschool in the YMCA, for which some of the parents had sought some form of continuity for their children.

Gordon said that the Jerusalem program also provides a place where Israeli Arabs who move to the capital can send their children to school.

Until now their only options have been either a Jewish school in west Jerusalem, a school with a Jordanian curriculum in east Jerusalem, or private schools.

Gordon and Khalaf said they hoped their models would develop along similar lines as the Tali programs, which began by offering enriched Jewish education inside existing schools before setting up their own institutions.

The fact that the Nissui schools were ready to take on the integration program seemed to offer it a similar head start as the Tali program had.

"It's a model whose time has arrived," Gordon said. "We want to have as many children as possible view as natural and normal Jews and Arabs studying together, building projects together, but... while maintaining their own cultural and national identities."

Both he and Khalaf hope to establish a handful of similar schools "to put this idea on the map, that Jews and Arabs can study together, and not just in universities."

Among the program's sponsors is the Abraham Fund, a foundation created in the US by investment banker Alan B. Slifka to promote Jewish-Arab coexistence.

Palestinians call for prisoner release

Protesters clash with soldiers near Ramallah

By STEVE RODAN and MOHAMMED NAJIB

Palestinians organized marches and sit-ins in several towns in the West Bank and Gaza Strip yesterday, calling for the release of all 3,500 security prisoners in Israeli jails.

Outside El Bireh, Palestinians threw stones and bottles at IDF troops. The Israeli soldiers responded with rubber bullets and tear gas. Eyewitnesses did not report any injuries.

The demonstrators demanded that the prisoners be released immediately as the first stage of the implementation of the Oslo interim accords. They said they were fed up with what they termed the Israeli delay in releasing the prisoners.

In Ramallah, marchers were joined by members of the Palestinian Legislative Council. The demonstrators walked from the Open University in northern Jerusalem and were met by PLC member Khadura Fares, who warned against expecting calm in the territories without a prisoner release.

The Prisoner's Club, a lobby of prisoners' families in Palestinian Authority areas, released a communiqué calling on PA negotia-



A Palestinian youth hurls stones at IDF soldiers in Ramallah yesterday.

(AP)

tors at Wye Plantation outside Washington to pressure their Israeli counterparts to release all

Palestinian prisoners.

In Gaza, a hunger strike by relatives of prisoners continued in

front of the offices of the International Committee of the Red Cross. Other demonstrations

were held in front of the United Nations office and at several junctions in the Gaza Strip.

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Ex-Nazi doctor denies abusing patients

By GEORGE BOEHMER

FRANKFURT (AP) — A former Nazi doctor who admits working in a medical laboratory at the former Auschwitz concentration camp denied in an interview broadcast yesterday that he took part in Holocaust atrocities.

Hans Muench, 87, appeared confused at times in the interview with Associated Press Television News at his home in Bavaria.

Bavarian prosecutors began investigating Muench this month after a magazine quoted him as saying that he wasn't bothered by working at Auschwitz, and that gassing Jews spared them from having to suffer longer from deadly diseases that were rampant in the camp.

Muench's daughter, Ruli, 58, at her father's side, called the report in the *Der Spiegel* weekly "absolutely false."

But Muench said he had not interpreted it as having any "big mistakes."

At times, though, Muench appeared to mix his personal experiences with things he first heard of or read about in later years.

He insisted that he had only worked in a lab diagnosing "prepared samples" of Auschwitz prisoners for possible disease.

Muench said the hygiene institute also employed Jewish inmates but was separated from the Auschwitz camp.

He said that while he could surmise that inmates that were the victims of "questionable" experiments at Auschwitz had been gassed, he was "not competent" to know that himself at the time.

Muench was acquitted of war crimes at Auschwitz by a court in Cracow, Poland in December 1947, after former inmates he worked with testified he had, in fact, helped them.

Bavarian prosecutors said this week they had forwarded their files on Muench to Frankfurt prosecutors, who have dealt with most cases on Auschwitz in the past.



Prayers for peace

Moslem cleric Abu Ahmed leads prayers Friday at St. George's Cathedral in Jerusalem, as part of an interfaith "World Peace Prayer Ceremony," marking the church's centennial. (Hanan Hanan)

US historian: Britain knew of Nazi genocide in '41

By DOUGLAS DAVIS

LONDON — The British government knew about the systematic genocide of Jews by the Nazis in mid-September 1941, but concealed the information for almost a year, according to US historian Professor Richard Breitman.

In his book *Official Secrets: What the Nazis Planned, What the British and Americans Knew*, published last week, Breitman challenges the reputations of British wartime leader Winston Churchill. Breitman, of the American University in Washington, says Churchill should have done more to alert the Jews of Nazi-occupied Europe.

Breitman has drawn on recently declassified intercepts by British code-breakers, which reveal German police messages reporting massacres of Jews on the Eastern Front in July 1941. Those intercepts, obtained from the National Archives in Washington and on the decades that were declassified by the Public Record Office in Britain, were not shared with US officials until 1982, when Britain agreed to cooperate in a US investigation of suspected war criminals.

"As far as we can judge," writes Breitman, "British Intelligence about the beginnings of what we now call the Holocaust, whether

obtained from police decodes or other sources, was simply hoarded. Few persons within the upper ranks of the British government, whether they had access to the police decodes or not, felt that there was a strong reason to distribute this kind of information publicly, let alone to consider possible responses to it."

Breitman cites a Ministry of Information document dated January 22, 1942, which stated: "The Germans clearly pursue a policy of extermination against the Jews."

In London, Lord Janner of Braunstone, chairman of the Holocaust Educational Trust, said it was offensive to suggest that British officials deliberately suppressed information about the extermination of Jews in order to prevent the public perception that Britain was fighting a Jewish war.

He also challenged the claims that Churchill knew about the Nazi atrocities and did not act on the information. "My guess," said Janner, "is that he did not know."

He rejected suggestions that Britain held back information because of antisemitism among British officials or concern that Britain's code-breaking techniques would be exposed: "I suspect that they didn't care," said Janner. "There were other problems — it was in the middle of a war."

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NATO starts spy flights over Kosovo

By TOM COHEN

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — NATO spy planes flew over Kosovo and the advance team for a 2,000-strong monitoring force arrived in the country yesterday, intensifying efforts to ensure that Yugoslavia removes its forces from the secessionist Serbian province.

A day after NATO gave President Slobodan Milosevic 10 more days to fulfill a peace pledge, Serbs and ethnic Albanian rebels accused each other of new shooting attacks. But there were signs the government was gradually complying with international demands aimed at ending the turmoil.

A Yugoslav official gave assurances that security forces in Kosovo will withdraw in time to avoid threatened air strikes.

"I am convinced that our leader has been pulling his troops out of Kosovo," Milos Radulovic, Yugoslavia's ambassador to London, told BBC radio.

Empowered to verify such claims, NATO began an aerial surveillance mission by sending U-2 planes high over Kosovo on a clear, sunny day in the southern Balkans.

Yugoslavia formally consented to the flights on Thursday as part of the package of agreements worked out to end the turmoil in Kosovo in southern Serbia, the main republic of Yugoslavia.

"U-2s are indeed flying," a US official said. "They're definitely up in the air and we're looking at the ground" as part of the air surveillance accord.

NATO and US officials have declined to say where the flights originate.

Hundreds of people on both sides have been killed during seven months of clashes between Serb forces, who consider Kosovo their historic heartland, and ethnic Albanians seeking to secede from Serbia. More than 300,000 people, mostly ethnic Albanians, have been displaced from their homes there.

Hours before its four-day grace period for Milosevic's full compliance was to expire yesterday morning, NATO extended it until October 27. One reason was that the status of troop withdrawals and refugee returns in Kosovo can't be fully determined until the mostly European force of 2,000 observers is in place.

An advance team of specialists for that mission arrived in Belgrade yesterday to begin planning for the monitors' arrival. The 13 staffers were to be joined by

about seven others by the time they arrive in Pristina on Sunday.

"We are here to do some of the preparatory work that will hopefully facilitate the activation of the verification mission, which we hope to have here as soon as possible," said delegation member John Sandrock.

American diplomat William Graham Walker was appointed yesterday to head the new mission by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Melissa Fleming, spokeswoman for the 54-nation OSCE, said in Vienna, Austria, that the group hopes to have a large number of monitors in place in Kosovo in two weeks.

US and NATO officials have reported large pullbacks by Yugoslav forces in recent days but the number still remaining in Kosovo exceeds the level required by the agreement reached by

Milosevic and US envoy Richard Holbrooke.

The Serb Media Center in Pristina, the provincial capital, claimed that KLA "extremists" had staged more than a dozen attacks on Serb forces since late Friday. Machine-gun fire, mortars and grenades allegedly were used to target Serb police, and at least two Serbs were reported wounded.

The ethnic Albanians blamed the Serbs for at least two of the incidents, saying police in Vranjevac, a suburb of Pristina, had opened fire and hit several Albanian houses and a car.

Reporters were unable to verify the conflicting claims.

Many refugees have been afraid to return to their homes because of the continuing presence of Serb police forces. But aid workers and US officials have reported a steady return in the last few days.

Italian leftist starts coalition talks

By FRANCES D'EMILIO

ROME (AP) — Massimo D'Alema, a former Communist who now leads Italy's largest leftist party, said yesterday his first talks with potential allies indicated he might succeed in forming a new government.

Italy's political situation these days is so volatile that President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro on Friday stopped short of formally asking D'Alema to try to form a government.

Instead, the head of state said he was giving D'Alema the "pre-task" of testing the waters to see if there was enough consensus to actually try to put together a coalition.

D'Alema consulted yesterday with leaders of parties which could join forces in a new center-left coalition, including his own Democratic Left party, a group of breakaway Communists and a third potential ally, a movement of ex-Christian Democrats led by former president Francesco Cossiga.

D'Alema's party was the major partner in Romano Prodi's 2-1/2 year-old coalition, which collapsed October 9 after losing a confidence vote in the Chamber of Deputies.

Prodi, now serving as caretaker premier, failed to forge a consensus on a fresh start for his center-



Massimo D'Alema (AP)

left coalition.

D'Alema, who is scheduled to report back to Scalfaro tomorrow evening, indicated his first round of talks were positive.

"I see that there are the conditions to go ahead" with talks, D'Alema said, while calling the situation "complex" because the parties "have had different experiences and will keep different visions on the evolution of the Italian political and democratic system."

But D'Alema, a pragmatist who, earlier this decade, helped transform the West's largest Communist party into the current, more moderate Democratic Left, said despite the differences, there was space to work on achieving "a sufficiently solid political and policy base."



Safely home

Chaim Weill sits on his aunt Miriam Weill's lap in his Brooklyn home, as his father, Jacob (left), mother Leah (right), and his brother Moshe look on. Chaim, 6, who has cerebral palsy, and his parents, returned home from Virginia on Friday, three days after a former babysitter, Theresa Goldberg, allegedly kidnapped him to get him "a better place to live." Goldberg and her husband, David, face kidnapping charges. (AP)

Panel, White House lawyers to meet on impeachment inquiry

WASHINGTON (AP) — The first meeting between White House lawyers and House Judiciary Committee aides conducting an impeachment inquiry against President Bill Clinton will be held Wednesday.

The meeting, to be held in the committee's offices, is expected to focus on logistics and on guidelines established by the House earlier this month when it authorized a formal impeachment investigation.

Republican committee spokesman Paul McNulty has said Republican investigators will invite the White House to offer any material that could help Clinton's case.

But a White House official said there were no plans so far to discuss the substance of allegations by independent counsel Kenneth Starr that Clinton committed perjury and other crimes in his relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

Presidential meeting to cap Taiwan negotiator's visit to China

BEIJING (AP) — Ahead of talks with Chinese President Jiang Zemin, Taiwan's top negotiator expressed optimism yesterday that trust can be built up between the two rival governments.

Koo Chen-fu's meeting today with Jiang is to cap a visit that has helped thaw contacts after a three-year hiatus and secured agreement to explore resumed negotiations.

Speaking at a reception yesterday evening, Koo said that through his visit, China and Taiwan "can promote and build important foundations of mutual trust that the two sides were lacking."

As recently as 1996 China was seeking to intimidate the island by testing missiles off its waters.

The atmosphere at today's meeting in the luxurious confines of

Beijing's Diaoyutai state guest house should be brightened by the agreement Koo secured earlier this week for China and Taiwan to work toward resuming formal negotiations.

Beijing suspended those talks in 1995, in anger over a trip by Taiwan President Lee Teng-hui to the U.S. China viewed the visit as an affront to its claims of sovereignty.

NEWS

in brief

Russian consumer prices up 45% since August

MOSCOW (AP) — Consumer prices have soared 45 percent since Russia devalued the ruble and put off its foreign debts two months ago, according to Central Bank and government statistics, a news report said yesterday.

A key architect of the August 17 devaluation and default plan, former prime minister Sergei Kiriyenko, said in an interview published yesterday that he was not to blame for the ensuing economic meltdown and predicted things would only get worse.

Economic analysts with the Interfax news agency said they calculated the consumer price estimate based on figures from the Central Bank and the State Statistics Committee. It gave no other details.

Japan's FM talks with Russia on WW II treaty

MOSCOW (AP) — The Russian and Japanese foreign ministers yesterday resumed negotiations over a decades-old territorial dispute that has prevented them from concluding a World War II peace treaty.

President Boris Yeltsin has pledged that a treaty will be signed by 2000, but first Russia and Japan must come to an accord over the Kuril Islands, which the Soviet Union seized from Japan at the end of the war.

The dispute over the islands off Russia's Pacific coast "should be settled without damaging Russia's sovereignty and territorial integrity," Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov told reporters after meeting with his Japanese counterpart, Masahiko Komura, the Interfax news agency reported.

Ivanov said that many points in the peace treaty had already been agreed on or were "in an advanced stage," Interfax reported.

Literary hero heralds new beginning for Nigeria

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) — Wole Soyinka, long one of Nigeria's boldest junta critics, on Friday predicted a new era of political reforms in this West African country divided by ethnic conflicts and military rule for several decades.

Addressing wildly cheering jean-clad university students and suit-and-tie academics at his first public address since returning from four years in exile, Soyinka said he believed the country had turned a corner towards democracy.

Soyinka is one of Nigeria's best-known authors who has written more than 20 works of plays, poetry and fiction and became the first African to win the Nobel prize for literature in 1986.

Miss Croatia stripped of her title

ZAGREB, Croatia (AP) — One thing is certain: for the time being, Lejla Sehic is no longer Miss Croatia.

Whether it is because of voting irregularities — as organizers say — or because of her Moslem heritage is the point no one can agree on.

Contest organizers stripped Sehic of her crown Friday, saying an examination of ballots turned up inconsistencies.

Sehic, a classic beauty with long dark hair and dark eyes, counters that she won fairly, and alleges that she was ousted because she is a Moslem.

The mass circulation daily *Vecernji List* reported that organizers tried to persuade one judge, former winner Anica Martinovic, to stop lobbying for Sehic, "fearing that the public would be disturbed if a Moslem is elected."

Typhoon Zeb hits southern Japan

TOKYO (AP) — A deadly typhoon hit southwestern Japan yesterday, drenching the area with heavy rains, interrupting travel, and forcing more than 1,000 people to flee their homes.

Four people were missing. Typhoon Zeb, which killed at least 74 people in the Philippines and 18 in Taiwan, made landfall near the city of Makurazaki in Kagoshima Prefecture, 985 kilometers southwest of Tokyo, Japan's Meteorological Agency said.

Ex-teacher has second baby by teen she raped

TACOMA, Washington (AP) — Former teacher Mary Kay Letourneau has given birth, apparently to a second baby girl fathered by the teenager she was convicted of raping.

Susan Howards, a Boston lawyer representing Letourneau, confirmed the birth of the girl, Georgia, on Friday.

Howards, as well as prison and hospital authorities, refused to release other details.

Letourneau was a teacher in the Seattle-area Highline School District when she began a sexual relationship with the boy, then 13, who had been her student in the second and sixth grades.

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Northern Ireland negotiators share Nobel Peace Prize

OSLO - John Hume, a Catholic politician who waged a long and often lonely struggle for a peaceful political solution to sectarian violence in Northern Ireland, and David Trimble, a Protestant leader who brought his own community to see the advantages of peace, won the Nobel Peace Prize Friday for their work toward this year's agreement designed to end three decades of conflict in the British-ruled province.

Hume founded the decades-old Social Democratic and Labor Party (SDLP), while Trimble more recently took over leadership of the Ulster Unionist Party, the largest Protestant party in the province. But the two wily political veterans put aside their many differences during the marathon negotiations in Belfast that concluded last Easter weekend. The result was a compromise that appears to have ended a bitter sectarian struggle that has killed nearly 3,600 people since 1969. "We finally decided," Hume said then, "that agreement for the whole community is more important than victory for one side."

In giving its prize to one Catholic

and one Protestant, the Nobel committee may have been aiming for balance. In fact, though, the "troubles" in Northern Ireland were never symmetrical or bipolar, and Friday's announcement ignores some key players in the province's movement toward peace. The most conspicuous missing name is that of Gerry Adams, leader of Sinn Féin, the legal political arm of the outlawed Irish Republican Army. Adams once served prison time for his work with IRA bomb squads, and his embrace of the talks reflected perhaps the greatest shift in philosophy that helped bring the negotiations to fruition.

In remarks at the White House

Friday, President Clinton seemed to recognize that. After praising the two newly named Nobel laureates, the president added, "I believe there are others, too, who deserve credit... beginning with Geny Adams, the Sinn Féin leader, without whom there would be no peace." Several other political figures played key roles in the Northern Ireland agreement, including Clinton himself, Prime Ministers Tony Blair of Britain and Bertie Ahern of Ireland, and former US Senate majority leader George Mitchell, who spent 22 months crisscrossing the Atlantic as the unpaid mediator of the multi-party talks that produced this year's deal.

Francis Sejerstad, chairman of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, said the five judges recognized that many people contributed to the agreement, but they decided to draw a line at two. In its citation, the Nobel committee said that Hume has been "the clearest and most consistent of Northern Ireland's political leaders in his work for a peaceful solution," and that Trimble "showed great political courage when, at a critical stage in the process, he advocated solutions which led to the peace agreement." The newest Nobel laureates reacted in character Friday, with Hume ebullient and Trimble reserved.

"It will strengthen our peace process enormously," Hume said at the SDLP office in his home town of Londonderry. Trimble, who was on a tour of the United States to drum up investment in Northern Ireland, learned of the prize during a stop in Denver. He said he was a "bit uncomfortable" about the honor, adding: "I hope very much that this award doesn't turn out to be premature."

Northern Ireland has had some good days, and some very bad, since the peace agreement was signed April 10. The people of Northern Ireland and of the Republic of Ireland approved the peace plan by huge margins in a May referendum. A new local assembly, with membership representing all political viewpoints, has taken over local government authority in the province and seems to be working well. But there has been a painful backlash against the agreement from extremist groups unhappy with compromise. In August, a fringe Catholic organization exploded a car bomb in Omagh, Northern Ireland, killing 28 people. At the moment, however, there seems to be strong public support for the peace process, and the pride that comes with a Nobel Prize is likely to strengthen public opposition to further fighting. (The Washington Post)

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Kaveret: Humor before music

Sabra Sounds



By Shai Tsur

Most of the time, Meir Fenigstein lives a fairly anonymous existence in the United States. Once or twice a decade, however, he boards a plane, flies to Israel, and participates in a musical event which, by local standards, is not too far from a Beatles reunion.

KAVERET BAPARK
Kaveret
(Red Artzi)

Once upon a time, Fenigstein was the drummer for Kaveret, arguably the most popular and influential Israeli pop band of the 1970s. Since their breakup over 20 years ago, the members of the band have held reunion concerts every seven years or so. Israel's 50th anniversary occasioned the most recent Kaveret concert back in May. The concert has itself recently spawned the three-CD *Kaveret Bapark* ("Kaveret in the Park"). The set consists of two discs' worth of Kaveret's performance at Tel Aviv's Hayarkon Park. The third CD captures the band rehearsing for the performance, jamming together, and generally goofing around.

The stature of the band can be seen from the fact that, save for Fenigstein, Kaveret's six other members – Danny Sanderson, Gidi Gov, Alon Oleartchik, Efraim Shanur, Yoni Richter, and Yitzhak Klepter – have all gone on to highly successful solo careers.

Sanderson was always the band's main creative force. His clever, goofy writing, which often revolved around non-sequiturs and word play, is at the heart of



Kaveret fools around, alternately jamming and making fun of The Gypsy Kings on a disc of limited musical interest.

the band's best material. *Kaveret in the Park* captures all their best-known songs and skits.

We have, for instance, the story of Baruch, a young boy whose beloved boots disappear one day, and the tale of Poogy, a romantic wanderer who eventually settles down and opens a minimarket. The bits have long become classics – evidenced by the fact that the crowd chants the dialogue along with the band members – but they have not lost their comic edge, even after a quarter of a century.

The humorous material is often counterbalanced by more tender themes.

The song "A Child Grows Old," written by Sanderson and

Oleartchik, is a heartbreaking number about the ravages of age which somehow manages to stand up alongside some of the other more ridiculous tunes.

As with Kaveret reunions of past, the 1998 performance also gave rise to a new song. "Remember Don't Remember" takes a look at some of the highs and lows in Israel's history. For example, reminiscing about the aborted idea to have the Beatles appear here in the '60s, the band sings: "In '65 the Beatles wanted to/ But Ben-Gurion hated 'Love Me Do' / Do you remember? I don't remember." Unfortunately, the song, which appears both as a studio cut and in live performance, is set up as a rap number.

The studio version sounds fairly embarrassing, kind of like hearing your dad and his friends attempting to bust a rhyme. Live, however, the band members perform the number with gusto, and it just about works.

The reunion concert also gives the individual members of the band a chance to show off their solo material.

Highlights include Klepter's rousing "You and Me Then" and Shamir's "Songs of the Motherland."

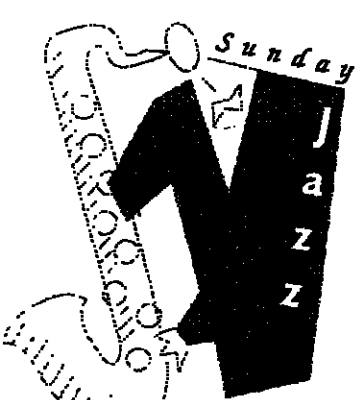
The years have affected the boys in different ways. While Shamir and Richter in particular have mellowed, Gov's singing ability has really suffered. While he still commands a good rapport

with the crowd, more often than not Gov speaks along with the lyrics instead of attempting to sing.

Kaveret in the Park is an entertaining piece of work, though far from the final word on the band. The odds 'n' suds material collected on disc three allows us a glimpse of how the band members work. They fool around, alternately jamming and making fun of The Gypsy Kings. This disc, however, is only of limited musical interest.

Still, for fans of Kaveret, and even those who just like good, old-fashioned humorous pop, this set should hold you. At least until the next reunion some time in 2005.

Out of Duke's shadow



By Calev Ben-David

Who wrote such classic tunes as "Take the A-Train" and "Lush Life"? Most non-jazz fans, if they could give any answer at all, would likely guess the great Duke Ellington, whose band first made these songs famous.

THE PEACEFUL SIDE
Billy Strayhorn
(NMC)

SWINGIN' ON THE MOON
Mel Torme
(Helicon)

The correct answer of course is Billy Strayhorn, the brilliant composer, pianist and arranger who hooked up with Ellington in the late 1930s, and served loyally at the Duke's side for three decades.

Although Strayhorn's own talent was largely overshadowed by Ellington's charisma during that period, an increasing amount of overdue attention has been paid to this modest genius of jazz composition since his death in 1967. The last few years have seen the release of a number of fine tribute albums to him (notably Lena Horne's *We'll Be*

Together Again), as well as David Hajdu's book *Lush Life: A Biography of Billy Strayhorn*.

Now NMC is giving local jazz fans the chance to buy a re-issue of one of Strayhorn's rare solo recordings outside of the Ellington band canon, *The Peaceful Side*. The album was recorded in France in 1961, when he and the Duke were there to do the soundtrack for the Paul Newman jazz movie *Paris Blues*. A chance meeting with Alan Douglas, a producer with the new United Artists jazz label, led to an offer for Strayhorn to go into the studio and do his own keyboard versions of some of the classic compositions he and Ellington had already made famous.

Strayhorn was unduly modest about his playing talent; he later described his own work here as sounding "all right" at best. In fact, this is a brilliant and revelatory album, with Strayhorn demonstrating a spare, lyrical piano style comparable to that of Thelonius Monk. Shorn of the lush orchestration and more up-beat "swinging" tempo they received in their famous Duke Ellington band versions, Strayhorn invests such standards as "Strange Feeling," "Chelsea Bridge" and "Something to Live For" with a pensive, moody (though by no means "peaceful") tone. Done here as a dreamy ballad, even "Take the A-Train" sounds freshly minted.

The Peaceful Side is marred only by producer Douglas's insertion of some unnecessary vocal accompaniment in some of the songs, mainly a chorus that does little more than supply an occasional "oohhhh" and "aaahhh." Otherwise, this recording is good enough to make one sorry that Strayhorn – even considering the brilliant fruits of his collaboration with Ellington – didn't stray more often from the Duke's side and ride out solo on his own.

WHO invented the "concept" album? Most rock fans would point to the Beatles and *Sergeant Pepper*, older music aficionados are more likely to cite Frank Sinatra, who back in the 1950s produced such cohesive multi-song recordings as *Only The Lonely* and *Come Fly With Me*. Sinatra inspired his vocal peers to follow suit, as evident in Helicon's reissue of Mel Torme's 1960 concept album for the Verve label, *Swingin' on the Moon*.

Torme is a singer (and songwriter) who doesn't quite get the respect he deserves nowadays. The "Velvet Fog" image created to promote him as some kind of crooning lounge singer has obscured the fact that he's among the great jazz/big-band vocalists of all time. Indeed, give a listen to almost any Torme record, and his immense influence on someone like Harry Connick Jr. becomes immediately evident.

Unfortunately, *Swingin' on the Moon* isn't the kind of album that does credit to Torme. Obviously inspired by the space-race craze ignited by the launch of Sputnik, this is a particularly silly concept album of songs with the word "Moon" in their titles.

Torme does fine with such obvious standards as "Blue Moon," "How High the Moon" and "Moonlight in Vermont." Oddly enough though, the one song you'd expect to find here, "Fly Me To The Moon" is missing – maybe Mel didn't feel up to competing with the definitive Sinatra and Tony Bennett versions. Unfortunately, too many second-rate tunes are included here simply because they're titled "The Moon was Yellow" or "Oh, You Crazy Moon."

Worst is the song which gives the album its title, a silly ditty composed by Mel himself. Torme has, as always, a heavenly voice – but *Swingin' on the Moon* should have been aborted before it got to the launching pad.



Israeli/Palestinian show in UK TV finals

The joint Palestinian/Israeli *Sesame Street* has reached the finals of the British TV Academy Awards in the educational children's films category. The series is one of four finalists from among 30 shortlisted. The 70 episodes began airing on ETV this current school year. The ceremony will be in London tonight.

Helen Kaye

NEWS

of the muse

By HELEN KAYE

Literary prizes

The Book Publishers Association of Israel has announced that it will award NIS 130,000 among six literary prizes in four categories in 1999. The prizes are awarded for original Hebrew works in fiction, criticism, playwriting and poetry. The bad news is that those over 50 are ineligible for the major fiction, poetry and playwriting prizes.

Plaudits in Parma and Kiev

The Italian press has given unanimous rave reviews to the Cameri production of Hanoch Levin's *Murder*, directed by Omri Nitzan. The play, which focuses on the endless cycle of violence between Jews and Arabs, participated in the Parma Festival during the first week of October and received wide media coverage. The influential *Corriere della Sera* named the production the best theatrical event of the festival and praised Israel for its courage in sending a play which is so critical of its policies vis-a-vis the Palestinians.

The Haifa Theater production of Isaac Bashevis Singer's *Teibele and Her Demon* suffered a similarly happy fate in Kiev where it played to packed houses and loud cheers. There were many Jews in the audience, some of whom traveled long distances to see the show. The director was Mikhail Reznikovitch, artistic director of the Kiev State Theater. Both plays were performed in Hebrew with simultaneous translation into the languages of their host nations.

Crossing bridges in Tel Aviv

Following its October 6 premiere at the United Nations in New York, *Crossing the Bridge* will play before an invited audience at the Suzanne Dellal Center in Tel Aviv. A drama of love and hope, the play was written in English by Jim Marjuni and directed by Ahim Nuek, both Palestinian Americans. Four Israelis, three Palestinians and two Jordanians comprise the cast.

The play is a joint production of the Peres Center for Peace and the Palestinian Center for Regional Studies, with additional sponsorship from New York University and UNESCO among others. Shimon Peres will be the guest of honor.

This is not the first collaborative effort between our peoples. The Jerusalem Khan did a joint Palestinian/Israeli *Romeo and Juliet* in 1995, and *The Jasmine Bush* by Aliza Elion-Israeli and Ali Hussein Qleibo flared briefly that same year. Jordanian comedians Nabil and Hisham brought their satire *Peace Oh Peace* in collaboration with the Cameri Theater, just after the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin.

This is the first time, however, that Israelis, Jordanians and Palestinians have collaborated. *Crossing the Bridge*, which is performed in English, will also play in Haifa and Jaffa.

Revamp family concerts

COMMENT

Classical-music organizations all over the world try to guarantee their future by creating new audiences.

One of the most popular ways to do so is through one-hour family concerts led by a narrator and with a usually thematic musical program. The idea is neither novel nor genuine but is usually quite successful, especially in Israel.

Orchestras find that selling subscriptions to the family-concerts series is far easier than for their regular series.

What bothers me, however, is that the overall quality of these

concerts is dismal. Performed in the afternoon, occasionally twice a day, they are treated by orchestra members as a necessary evil. The musicians play as if their mind is elsewhere, they do not always dress in their formal attire and they look bored on stage. Granted, this is not entirely alien to the way some local orchestras play in general, but the major problem here is the quality of these concerts as a concept.

The narrators, who are the major figures in these series whether

they are musicians by profession or popular television figures, often write their own script and come up with the entire idea of the concert they present. But the script is usually rather infantile, and treats the young audience as morons. In the long run, this is a good way to lose an audience, not nurture one.

Children who come to concerts are eager to find out about classical music and should be treated like adults, not like kindergartners. Only then will they take the concerts, the performers and the music seriously.

Orchestras are very proud of the fact that these concerts are always full, but the noise level in the auditorium is often frightening. No one tries to explain to the young audienceshow to sit quietly and listen.

Nurturing the classical-music audience of the future is essential. The time has come for our orchestras to revamp the concept of family concerts and come up with something less didactic, more fun, and scripted in a way that captures the young audience's attention.

Parents should also be more discerning and stop taking their children to blind dates with these concerts. Go only if it is really good, not just to pacify your conscience by providing your children with their dose of serious culture.

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Channel 1 presents 'Tom Jones' in Monty Python style

By BARRY DAVIS

On hearing that there is yet another televised version of Henry Fielding's classic, the ordinary TV viewer could be forgiven for thinking: "Tom Jones? Surely it's been done before." Ah, but never like this.

This latest BBC interpretation, a six-part series starting on Channel 1 tonight at 10:35, is a far cry from any of the previous versions. The most obvious difference is that, far from being a faithful adaptation of the novel, this is more a parody on the original tale of the escapades of a mischievous child born out of wedlock and adopted by a well-to-

The opening shot of the tranquil English countryside seems innocuous enough. But then the camera pans to the figure of a narrator in full 18th-century costume – complete with a somewhat over-theatrical wig. One is immediately put in mind of the seminal Monty Python sketch in which the camera pans across a similarly pastoral scene only to rest on the naked figure of John Cleese comfortably ensconced behind a piano.

The analogy takes a turn here as, instead of the immortal opening words of the anarchic British comedy series: "And now for something completely different," our witty narrator proceeds to inform

1 of the story, and just manages to define the proper role – in his opinion – of the author before he is almost run down by a speeding stagecoach. The farcical aspect of the near accident is entirely apparent, as this particular meadow is otherwise entirely devoid of traffic.

And the Pythonesque parallel refuses to fade as the narrator's preamble is abruptly replaced by an animated title frame, complete with cherubs and ornamental foliage, and we are treated to a comical cartoon sequence before the actual narrative begins in earnest.

The mix of characters bears a

cast of players. There is, of course, the fun-loving, naughty Master Jones and his unloved and unlovable stepbrother who is constantly trying, unsuccessfully, to disgrace or outdo Tom. Tom's long-suffering but benevolent father, Squire Allworthy, is comfortably portrayed by Benjamin Whitrow, whose sad clown countenance is instantly recognizable from the BBC's excellent *Pride and Prejudice*, in which he played a similar role.

Brian Blessed provides a generous helping of buffoonery as the rambunctious but henpecked Squire Western, who is a staunch defender of Master Jones's social-

obvious theatricality of the production, it comes as no surprise to find such preposterously camp characters as Richard Ridings and Brian Pettifer in the roles of Jones's tutors.

More parody finds way into Simon Burke's script when the nefarious Captain Bliffl falls off a cliff while perusing the contents of a respectable-looking tome. Rushing over to see what has happened to her – by now – late husband, Allworthy's sister Bridget picks up a book to see the words "Statistics on Mortality" embossed on the leather spine.

By all appearances, this promises to be a series worthy of a few

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Noble prizewinners

The Nobel Peace Prize is often controversial, which is to be expected, since fighting for peace means going against conventional wisdom and received prejudices. But few people will challenge the award to Northern Ireland's John Hume and David Trimble for the part they played in this year's Easter peace accord.

If there has been controversy, it has been over who was left out. Many Irish people were surprised that Gerry Adams was not mentioned. It was this leader of the Sinn Féin nationalist party who successfully delivered the IRA cease-fire on which the whole peace process was predicated. Others thought the American negotiator, Sen. George Mitchell, and British Northern Ireland Minister Mo Mowlam also deserved some honor for keeping the often bitterly divided unionist and nationalist foes talking right up to the 11th hour.

President Bill Clinton was the first world leader to honorably mention those left out of the award, singling out Adams as topping the list of the others who helped bring peace to Northern Ireland.

"Without Gerry Adams there would have been no peace," Clinton said and added praise for prime ministers Tony Blair and Bertie Ahern of Britain and Ireland, as well as for Mowlam, and Mitchell.

The Nobel Prize committee, which was stung by strong criticism of the award of the coveted prize to Yasser Arafat, clearly wished to avoid further controversy by making another award to a man closely connected to a terrorist organization. If it had little choice with Arafat because he was both a primary peace partner and undisputed leader of his people, the committee had no such problem with slighting Adams, who is neither.

Amid such mild carping, no one on any side had sought to take any credit from the two men who did win the prize. For Hume, it is a reward.

No hiding places

Yesterday's startling news that the Chilean former dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet had been arrested in London brought a fresh spurt of hope to the victims and relatives of those lost under his brutal military rule.

We hear much of globalization in the economic world, and of the global village in social and cultural fields. It is indeed time we had a little more globalization of justice.

Around 3,000 people died or vanished during Pinochet's 17-year rule. Tens of thousands fled the country out of fear of his military. It is bad enough to fall victim to monsters like Pinochet, it is worse to know that one is forever denied seeing them cut down to pathetic size before a court of international law.

We do not yet know how far Spain's request for the extradition of Pinochet for the torture and murder of Spanish citizens in Chile will proceed. Already Chile has protested that he has a diplomatic passport and is a senator of the state. It is Chile's own shame that it continues to grant such

privileges to this criminal, who murdered his own and foreign innocents. Pinochet created his seat as a life senator in Chile by writing it into the constitution because, as a senator, he is immune from prosecution under Chilean law.

It is, however, true that the legitimacy and credibility of diplomatic rights must be preserved, so both the British and Spanish governments will have to exercise complete transparency in how they handle this case. But even if they are unable to carry through a prosecution for reasons of diplomatic immunity, some good will have been served in warning other dictators still escaping justice that the democracies of the world have long memories and determined legal systems.

When the long reach of justice becomes truly global, we may make some progress in reminding would-be Pinochets that when it comes to torture, murder, and "disappearances," no one is above or safe from international law, anywhere.

This is the second Nobel Peace Prize that has gone to Northern Ireland and the dismal fate of that other peace effort may be behind the cautious acceptance of the new prize by Hume and Trimble. In 1976 it was awarded to Betty Williams and Mairead Corrigan, cofounders of the Women's Peace People of Belfast following the death of three children. The movement won the peace prize, but collapsed in acrimony and disputes over what to do with the Nobel money.

It stands as a warning for the new recipients, and Trimble immediately expressed fervent hopes that the award is not premature. The years of strife have seen many false dawns in Northern Ireland, and while this peace treaty is well grounded and legitimized by two resounding referendum victories and a general election, the champagne celebrations will remain muted. The only prize that counts in Northern Ireland remains that elusive prize of permanent peace.

OPINION

Lurie's NewsCartoon



(News Item: Japan's Government will probably inject a huge amount of \$400 billion into its faltering Banks)

The 'new' Orthodoxy

DAVID WEINBERG

I asked the tele-journalist Yaron London several days ago to define for me the core values which make up the worldview of today's "secular" Israeli: what London terms *hofshi* (free) Jews.

Well, London told me, such Jews espouse democracy, enlightenment, humanism, social justice, civil and human rights. Funny, I responded, those are some of my core beliefs as well. And I'm an ardently religious, yeshiva-educated Jew.

This telling exchange took place last week at an intellectual retreat devoted to redefining "modern orthodoxy," dubbed the "Lavi Conference."

Some 200 "moderate" religious Zionists gathered to discuss retaking leadership in the Orthodox world: winning it back from the forces of mysticism, messianism and narrow-mindedness that have taken hold of the religious community.

The imperative to offer a model of Orthodoxy that is both truly religious without compromise, and concurrently fully enlightened in the modern, secular sense of the term - was at the root of conference discussions.

The good news stemming from the conference is that the groundswell is there. Thousands of thoughtful Orthodox Jews are taking important, bold initiatives in advancing the status of women; in infusing film, journalism and the arts with refreshing religious creativity; in making religion part of the struggle for social justice and democratic norms at all levels of Israeli society; in redefining the relationship between religious and secular out of mutual respect and a religiously-rooted reevaluation of *Klal Yisrael* as a halachic obligation.

The further good news is that people involved here are mainstream and authentic within the world of religious Zionism: young rabbis who are prominent graduates of Mercaz Harav yeshiva, heder yeshiva deans, key figures within the state religious educational system, respected academics and university presidents.

even many people who are right-wing in their political orientation. It is not just the lefties of Meimad.

The bad news is that the movement, if you can call it that, has no natural nor nascent leadership.

In the devout world, such leadership is critical in providing religious legitimacy and sanction. And yes, the rabbis were there to murmur general good wishes to conference participants: Rabbis Bakshi-Doron, Lau, Amital, Bin-

Orthodox Judaism will emerge more resilient and relevant than ever from its confrontation with modernity

Nun, Lichtenstein, Riskin, She'ar-Yashuv Cohen and others less well-known to the general public.

But in practice, the "Modern Orthodox" gathered at Lavi broadly agreed to resist the smothering embrace of today's rabbinates, to move ahead faster, sensing that the rabbis are insufficiently educated in the parlance of, or attuned to the needs of, the generation.

JUST how many rabbis are there, after all, who have published significant articulations of halachic norms and principles on social justice issues like labor relations, privatization, the balance between personal rights and national security or national values, democratic behavior, business ethics, or the tensions between artistic creativity in filmmaking and halachic strictures regarding modesty, truth-telling and defamation?

How many have truly sought to understand the depth of sincerity in Orthodox feminism and to grapple with its conflicts?

Not too many. While the literature in this field is growing, the senior and tone-setting halachic decision-makers have spent their years intensifying knowledge in traditional areas of halachic behavior - *tefillin*, *succa*, and *hametz*.

Few *gedolim* yet have taken on the challenge of teaching and applying Jewish ethics and Talmudic norms to a high-tech-driven world of consumerism, infinite communications and unlimited freedoms.

Bereft of leadership in meeting the contemporary challenge, people are escaping into religious mysticism, where hassidic and Sephardic kabbalistic soothsayers instruct their followers how to run every mundane aspect of their lives, right down to the color of car they ought to buy.

Unfortunately, then, broad rabbinic minds of community-wide authority, capable of dealing deeply with the profound dilemmas of modernity and faith for which the "Modern Orthodox" seek guidance and inspiration - just aren't yet at hand in this country. Perhaps a generation down the line.

Which leaves the audacious "Movement Towards Religious Modernity" vulnerable to errors of enthusiasm and rashness; and to right-wing criticism: Yaron London is just waiting with open arms, he candidly admitted this week, to embrace all the drop-outs from religion he hopes and expects will emerge from the opening-up of the Orthodox community.

"I hope you succeed," he told the conference participants, "so that religion and religious people ultimately will disappear."

We need not fear London's forecast; intellectuals have been prognosticating for 200 years that God is dead and religion is in its last, gasping throes of demise. The Orthodox faith community should look ahead with confidence, take the risks and rise to the challenge. After a two-century late start, I believe it will emerge more resilient and relevant than ever from its confrontation with modernity.

View from Washington

DANIEL BLOCH

Monica Lewinsky is this year's hot Halloween item in the US. But she is not such a hot item on the voters' set of priorities in the upcoming mid-term congressional elections.

It seems the Republicans have miscalculated the electorate's reaction to President Bill Clinton's sexual misconduct. They resent his misdemeanors but believe there is no direct connection between these personal issues and his leadership qualities.

After spending some time in Washington and New York, I get the feeling that these elections will be more a referendum on the Republicans in Congress, than on Clinton's White House.

Since 1994, the Republicans have had control of both houses of Congress, and many are asking: What have the Republicans really done for the American people? Have they improved health services and Social Security? Did they improve the educational system? Are there better services for the elderly?

The answer is negative. They spent most of their time organizing a personal witch hunt against the president, preventing him from fulfilling his social agenda. And the opinion polls are beginning to show an anti-Republican trend among the voters.

If the Democrats keep this momentum over the next few weeks, they might be able to change the trend and narrow the Republican majority. They might even surprise all the pundits and regain their majority in one of the two chambers, probably in the House, thanks to Ken "McCarthy" Starr, Lewinsky and Newt Gingrich.

The Republicans paralyzed Washington for too long and prevented the administration and public from focusing on the real issues - national, economic and international.

Clinton may try to portray the situation as "business as usual," but who can believe him? Can any human being focus on saving himself from total humiliation while at the same time dealing with the legislative agenda, the international financial crisis, the problems in Kosovo and the Middle East peace process?

The main problem of the Democratic Party remains how to bring their voters to the polling booths. In the past, the New Deal coalition of minorities, forged since the Roosevelt era, was able to deliver the majorities needed, with the help of the unions, the Jewish and Catholic vote and the liberal and civil rights organizations. All these were weakened in the '70s and '80s for a number of reasons.

The task of the Democrats is to try to reinvigorate these constituencies and, in particular, encourage the black leadership to bring their voters to the polls.

THE Jewish vote will be crucial in this campaign. The majority of Jewish voters support Clinton and the Democratic agenda, although some leaders of Jewish right-wing organizations side with the anti-Clinton Republican forces.

In some major races in New York, California, Florida and Ohio, Jewish voters can tip the scale. In some cases there is a real dilemma. Take New York, for example: Should Jews vote for Senator Al D'Amato, who is pro-Israel and very cooperative on Jewish issues, or support his Jewish rival, Congressman Charles Schumer?

In New York, the majority of Jews are supporting Schumer because of his support of the president and his stand on social issues, which is far closer to the Jewish heart than D'Amato's reactionary social policies.

Perhaps unwillingly, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has become a passive participant in the Democratic campaign. He surely would prefer to play for the other side. But the summit with Clinton and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat will help the president show that, unlike his opponents and tormentors, he is focusing on substantive issues.

The mere holding of the summit helps Clinton. If an agreement is reached, it might boost his popularity. And Netanyahu understands that the Israeli government has to support the incumbent administration.

Nobody knows who will be in power in Washington after the elections of November 2000, nor can anybody be sure who will be the prime minister of Israel at that time.

But there is a reasonable probability that Netanyahu and Ariel Sharon will meet, in two years' time in the White House, as Democratic president, and will

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

POOR TEACHING

Sir - It appears that much of the high accident rate that we experience on the roads in Israel is due to faulty driving practices taught by the driving teachers.

I have seen many instances where a "student" is urged by his teacher to enter a "yield" intersection when the oncoming traffic poses a danger, and many cases

when the driver is urged to proceed through a yellow light turning red, not to mention changing lanes in an aggressive and dangerous way.

Good driving is about getting there safely, not necessarily quickly. Plainclothes police should follow these driving-school cars and watch for violations and poor

practices, issuing fines and revoking teaching licenses when warranted.

The teaching of defensive and safe driving is essential to everyone's safety on the roads.

PROF. L.P. HORWITZ

Tel Aviv.

KOSOVO WARNING

Sir - Will The Jerusalem Post's encouragement of NATO to rain its bombs on Yugoslavia for defending its sovereignty against the KLA separatists be in evidence when the same treatment is proposed for Israel in retaliation for its destruction of the inevitable "Liberation Army of the Western Galilee?"

That struggle, too, will surely invoke the charges of "atrocity" and

"ethnic cleansing" as the IDF is forced to stroke hard at the LAWG network of civilian collaborators.

Kosovo is a textbook warning of what can happen anywhere a dissident national minority decides - with irresponsible international encouragement - that its majority status within a given enclave entitles it to independence from the national government. It is a potential threat to

national sovereign stability throughout the globe, but nowhere is that threat more ominous than in Israel. Where Kosovo is concerned, passion, however righteously intended, ought to be tempered by a grain or two of common sense.

WILLIAM MEHLMAN

Jerusalem.

ESCAPING WAR FERVOR

Sir - Further to David Newman's article "The Great Escape" (October 7): Might it be that secular Jews leave Israel in droves for the festival period, not because they don't know how to

celebrate (on the contrary, note the plethora of cultural festivals and happenings which have sprung up all over the country), but because they find it hard to rejoice in a country observing an annual clo-

sure and frequent outbursts of holy-war fervor at this time?

B.J. HOLLANDER

Jerusalem.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On October 18, 1933, The Palestine Post reported that in his series of articles on Palestine, published in the New York Journal, Dr. Chaim Weizmann had highly praised this newspaper. He found in The Palestine Post a complete sum-

mary of local events and a series of most interesting and timely features. The Palestine Post, Dr. Weizmann concluded, "presents an interesting picture of how the ideas and customs of the West have filtered into Palestinian life." The present

"calamity" and the Arabs should resist and revolt, was the general tenor of speeches heard in Nablus at a memorial meeting held on the occasion of the 40th day after the death of the King of Iraq.

Haaretz, October 18, 1998

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Issachar Ber Ryback: 'The Water Carrier,' pencil (\$1,500-\$2,000 at Sotheby's Tel Aviv)

New records for local artists

AT THE AUCTIONS

Despite the successive devaluations of the shekel and a shaky dollar, record prices for Israeli artists were set at Sotheby's October 9 auction in Tel Aviv. The sale fetched over \$2 million, about 64% of total value, but 40% of the 140 lots went unsold, including two of three Josef Israels on offer. A Pissarro oil with an estimate of \$150,000 and one of two Pissarro drawings didn't sell. Neither did a Gontcharova costume design and two oils by Lea Nikel.

International and private collectors, some bidding by phone, vied with a major Israeli corporate collector for works by late Israeli pioneers. Top price of the sale was paid for an early Reuven Rubin oil, "Old Jerusalem," made in 1926, a canvas which set the style for a whole series of Jerusalem and Galilean landscapes subsequently painted by this leader of the early Tel Aviv School. It went well over its rosiest estimate to fetch \$255,500, just a bit more than the \$244,500 paid for Chaim Soutine's undated "Red Gladiolus." Another Rubin, "Entrance to Safed," painted in the mid-'30s, went for its median estimate of \$101,000.

In the early '50s, Romanian-born Rubin once served as Israeli ambassador to Romania. The late Arie Aroch, an early New Horizons painter who was also a professional diplomat and Israeli ambassador to Norway, was influenced by both Cy Twombly and Robert Rauschenberg, but found his own voice. His paintings are increasingly bid up at local auctions and this time his abstract "Grey Tzakpar" 1966, set an auction record for his work when it doubled its median estimate to go for \$101,500. Aroch's little abstract acrylic collage "Arch on Violet" 1961, also went well over its estimate at \$74,000. Both Arochs went to a local collection.

Early works by Israel Paldi and

Nahum Gutman also set auction records, both doubling their estimates at \$74,000.

The same sum was achieved by a 1975 oil of an old tuxedo, painted by contemporary realist Avigdor Arikha, who works chiefly in Paris. Another Arikha, a still life of a baguette and cheese, went over its estimate to reach \$42,000.

International collectors bought oils by New Horizons pillars Yosef Zaritzky (\$41,000, well over its estimate); Yehzekel Streichman (\$33,350); and Avigdor Stematsky (a whopping \$57,000). A rather kitschy Abel Pann biblical pastel of Rachel and the baby Joseph, fetched \$12,650.

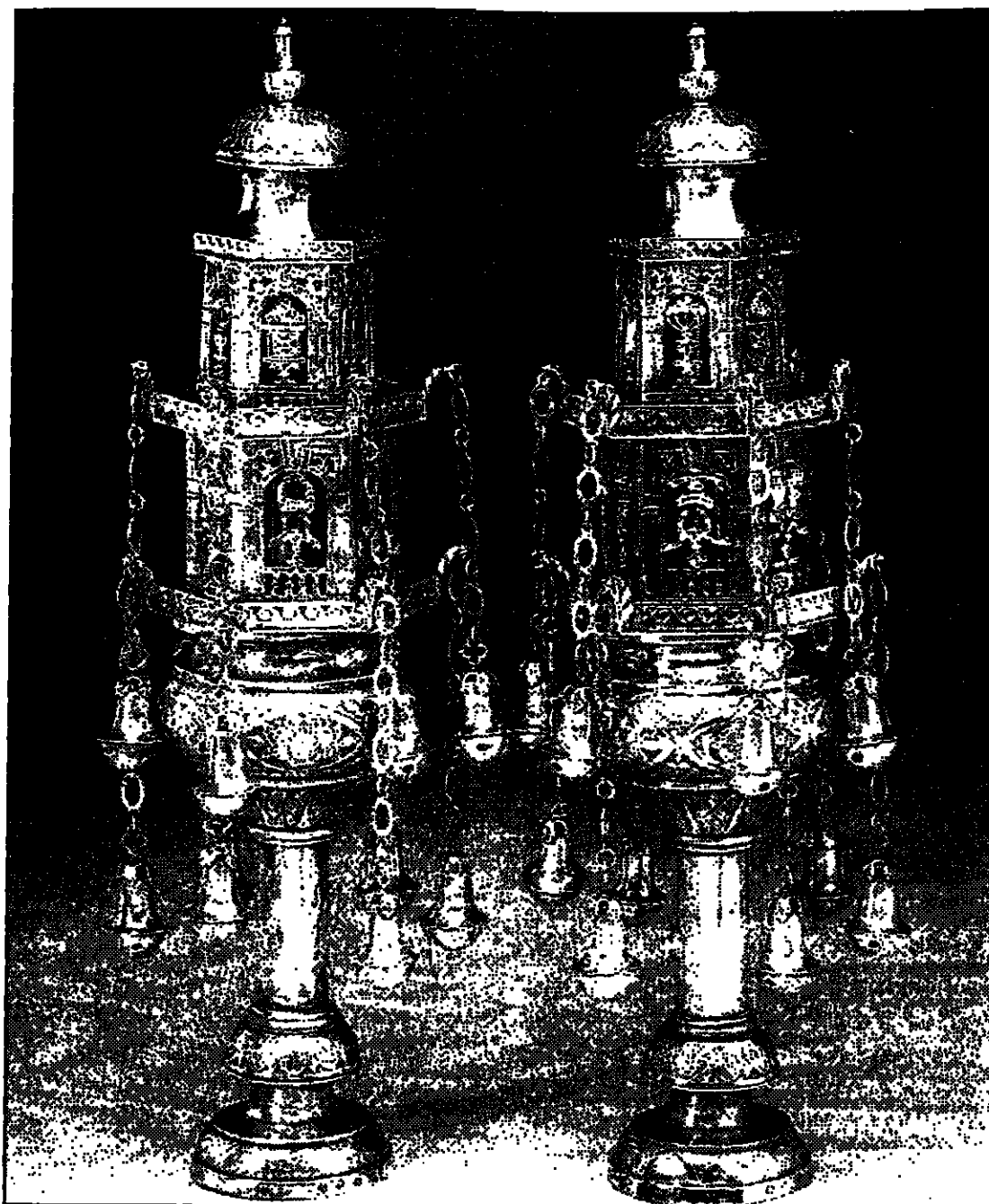
Among the international artists, a 1909 painting of a woman and flowers in a window by Poland's Mela Mutter quadrupled its estimate to sell at \$32,000. A lovely early Lesser Ury village landscape from 1912 went for a hoped-for \$55,200.

Two oils from the '20s by Polish-born Yankel Adler also did unexpectedly well, selling for \$36,650 and \$25,300. A nice little Pechstein watercolor sketch of a woman's head topped its estimate at \$8,625.

Sotheby's next sale of Israeli and international art will take place in Tel Aviv in April. Property for the sale will be considered through January 15.

IN ADDITION to the anti-Dreyfusard and antisemitic French posters to be offered at Sotheby's sale of Judaica in Tel Aviv November 9 and about which we wrote about last week, this auction is replete with a number of historical Jewish items. Expected to reach \$250,000 or more is a prayerbook with numerous ink drawings and diagrams in its original binding: the Siddur Nussach Ha'Ari, the *kavanot* and customs of Rabbi-Israel Ba'al Shem Tov (1700-60), copied and edited in 1759-60 by Rabbi Shimon Hachohen of Raschkow. Hachohen is mentioned in the only surviving autograph letter of the Ba'al Shem Tov and this is the only manuscript of his school made during his lifetime, actually shortly before his death.

Also in this sale is a previously



Andrea Stuardi: monumental parcel-gilt Torah finials, Turin, early 19th century (\$70,000-\$80,000 at Sotheby's Tel Aviv)



V. Lenepven: Antisemitic posters of Captain Alfred Dreyfus and Emile Zola, 1899 (from a series of 47 offered at Sotheby's Tel Aviv, \$60,000-\$80,000)

unrecorded illuminated manuscript of Psalms illustrated by Moses Juda Leib ben Wolk Broda from Trebitsch (Moravia) in 1723 (\$60,000-\$80,000). An Italian marriage contract from Ancona, 1767 has in one of its cartouches a representation of Samson, a reference to the bridegroom of the same name (\$50,000-\$60,000).

A Slovakian Jewish papercut amulet from Bardiov, 1882, contains an incantation meant to head off Lilith from stealing newborns, together with a text of the 21st psalm (\$4,000-\$6,000). A 19th-century woven Persian carpet used as a *parochet*, or curtain of the Ark, is very similar to Moslem prayer rugs, but has Hebrew inscriptions and the blessing of the priestly hands (\$30,000-\$50,000).

A monumental pair of early 19th-century parcel-gilt silver Torah finials made by Andrea Stuardi of Turin and bearing the emblem of

the royal house of Savoy, has a healthy estimate of \$70,000-\$80,000. A gold Hanukkah lamp from turn-of-the-century Tunisia decorated with semi-precious and paste stones on a back wall, is topped by a *hamsa* (hand) amulet against the evil eye and flanked by fish, a symbol of fecundity (\$40,000-\$50,000).

Two interesting works depicting a Jewish watercarrier with the ropes of his trade are included in this sale. A 1927 oil by Regina Mundlak, who perished in the Holocaust, is a fine narrative monochrome painting of a poor but stalwart Jew (\$18,000-\$25,000). An early pencil drawing, a modernist caricature by Issachar Ber Ryback, made before he moved to Paris, depicts a water carrier with his ropes around his waist (\$1,500-\$2,000). These lots remind me of the Jewish porters, who, festooned with rope, used to sit near Zion Square in Jerusalem half a

century ago.

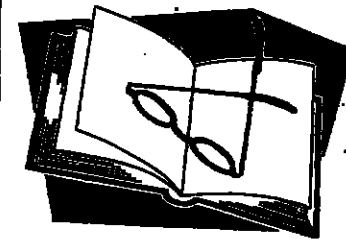
A rare portrait of a Jewish boy painted in 1904 by Vilma von Parlaghy Brochfeld (the Hungarian Princess Elisabeth Lwow) has a modest estimate of \$3,000-\$4,000. Another curiosity is an ingratiating portrait of Sir Isidore Spielman made by the Anglo-Jewish Victorian society painter Solomon J. Solomon (\$3,000-\$4,000).

Among the paintings on offer are the inevitable Isidor Kaufmann ("Portrait of a Young Rabbi," \$30,000-\$40,000) and Mane Katz (Simhat Torah, 1950, \$100,000-\$150,000). Two portraits by Lazar Krestin range from \$5,000 to \$9,000 in estimate.

There are also modestly priced items among a variety of lamps, spice towers, Torah pointers and shields, papercuts etc. Lots can be seen at Sotheby's Tel Aviv from November 2.

A midlife plunge

BOOKS



By Jocelyn McCurg

Like the olives, grapes and vegetables that grow on her land in Cortona, Italy, Frances Mayes has thrived under the Tuscan sun.

In 1990, recently divorced after a long marriage and eager for change, Mayes took a risky midlife plunge and bought an old abandoned house in Tuscany.

Her family thought it was crazy. She had second thoughts. But now, eight years later, Mayes has no regrets.

Buying and restoring Bramasole - the summer house she describes as "radiant, glazed with layers of lemon, rouge and terra-cotta" - has changed Mayes's life in unforeseeable ways.

She's now a best-selling author, for starters.

Under the Tuscan Sun (Broadway, \$14, paperback) began as a notebook Mayes kept as she and her companion Ed restored Bramasole. Mayes's memoir has warmed readers with its sensual language, gentle humor and thoughtful observations about the pleasures of having a second, "foreign life."

Mayes has never abandoned the United States, because she doesn't like that "cut-off feeling" that a lot of people get who live abroad permanently. Her main residence is in San Francisco, where she lives and teaches when she is not soaking up life in the Italian countryside several months a year.

We recently caught up with Mayes by phone when she returned to San Francisco for her daughter's wedding.

She had news about her own wedding, as well. She and poet Ed Kleinschmidt, the man who has helped her restore Bramasole and who shares her love of Italy, were married this past spring in a surprise wedding.

"We moved to a new house in San Francisco and we invited our friends over for a housewarming," Mayes recalls. "They came and we had a wedding instead. It was a lot of fun."

Under the Tuscan Sun fans won't be surprised to learn that Mayes and her new husband bought a 75-year-old Spanish-style home in San Francisco "that needed a ton of work."

In Italy, work on Bramasole continues, although Mayes says it has become easier over the years, especially now that she speaks better Italian.

"It's a work in progress," Mayes says of Bramasole. "You know, old houses never finish with you even if you'd like to be finished with them."

Since she wrote *Under the Tuscan Sun*, Mayes and Kleinschmidt have cultivated an enormous vegetable garden at Bramasole that produces fava beans and asparagus in the

spring and tomatoes, green beans and zucchini in the summer.

One yield of that garden is *Bella Tuscany*, a sequel (or "continuation," Mayes says) due next April.

"The new book has a lot to do with gardening," Mayes says. "I knew I was not through writing about Italy. This book has more about traveling throughout the large concentric circles around this area. And there's more about the house."

Will there be recipes, as there are in *Under the Tuscan Sun*? "Yes, of course, you can't write about Italy without writing about the food!" Mayes says with a laugh.

Much about Mayes has been transformed by life in Italy, not just the way she works in the kitchen.

The Italians enjoy life, and aren't caught up in the "fanaticism of work" the way Americans are, Mayes says. She loves Italian culture, art, history and the quality of life.

But best of all is the luxury of time she has when she's in Italy. Currently on sabbatical from teaching creative writing at San Francisco State University, Mayes is also at work on a novel (her first) that she expects to publish in 2000.

"I grew up in a very small town in the South and the novel is loosely based on some things that happened there, but it's fiction. People in my family are terrified it's about them, but it's not," Mayes says in her soft drawl, laughing.

Before *Under the Tuscan Sun* catapulted her into armchair-travel fame, Mayes was known as a poet. She has published five volumes of poetry.

Mayes and her publisher, Chronicle Books, had modest expectations for *Under the Tuscan Sun* when it was originally published in hardcover in 1996. The first printing was only 7,000 copies. But with good reviews and word-of-mouth, the book went on to sell more than 55,000 copies in hardcover. Buzz about *Sun* was peaking when Broadway published it in paperback in September 1997.

Under the Tuscan Sun has done phenomenally well in paperback. The book has been on the best-seller list for months and 630,000 paperback copies are in print.

Mayes often hears from women who write to say that they too have wanted to change their life and are happy to read about someone who did.

"I think in middle age people sometimes really need to change and don't. And if they don't it's kind of fatal," says Mayes, who declines to give her age.

"I was afraid of knowing too well how to do what I knew how to do. And finding something new is good because it reinvigorates your life. For me Italy was just endless."

She's met new people, explored a new land and mastered a new language in middle age.

"I still have the life I had before, but now I've made this Italian life as well," Mayes says. "And it's been great for me."

(The Hartford Courant)

Bioinvasion: The 'smart' pollution

Earthly Concerns



By Dvora Ben Shaul

Biological pollution is sweeping the planet as global trade carries "exotic" species across all boundaries, and bioinvasion has become the second greatest threat to biological diversity, just after habitat destruction.

"Because it brings the intelligence of evolution to bear, bioinvasion is a kind of 'smart' pollution," says Chris Bright, author of a new book, *Life Out of Bounds: Bioinvasion in a Borderless World*. "Compared to living things, chemical spills are 'dumb' -

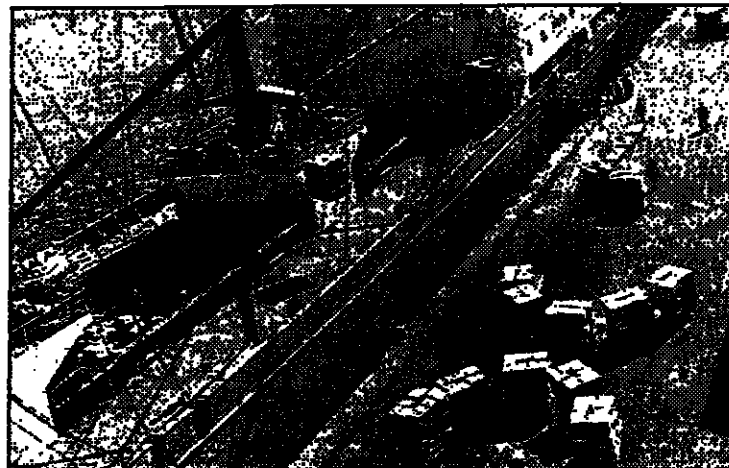
duce, and they tend to dissipate over time.

"But when an exotic species establishes a beachhead, it can, and usually does, proliferate and spread to new areas. It can also adapt, getting better and better at exploiting an area's resources and suppressing native species."

Natural boundaries like mountains, deserts and ocean currents used to isolate one ecosystem from another. But trade, travel and other activities are moving organisms across these boundaries, touching off invasions.

"People often know about a few really troublesome exotics in their region," said Bright. "But they tend to see them simply as accidents. What they don't seem to realize is that these invasions are part of a pattern. This is happening virtually everywhere, and the rate of invasion appears to be growing."

EXOTICS can now be found in most of Earth's lake and river systems, along most coastlines, and throughout all major islands and



Fish, mollusks and other ocean species have been carried halfway around the globe in the bilgewater of ships, released when the water is unloaded in a foreign port. Birds have made nests in packing crates. (W. Braum)

scattered throughout the continents.

In southern Europe, Nigeria, South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, Brazil and the southwestern U.S. the Asian tiger mos-

quito, an aggressive biting pest known to be capable of carrying at least 17 viruses, may be increasing the risk of dengue fever, yellow fever and various forms of encephalitis.

In the Mediterranean and Adriatic seas, a Pacific seaweed has turned some 3,000 hectares of sea floor into what one expert describes as an aquatic version of Astroturf.

In California, the Formosan termite may cause losses equivalent to 1% of the total value of wooden structures. Imagine marking every hundredth suburban home for demolition.

And these are only a few of the outstanding "aliens." Fish, mollusks and other ocean species have been carried halfway around the globe in the bilgewater of ships, only to be released when the water is unloaded in a foreign port. Birds have made their way in nests made in packing crates.

In Israel there is a thriving wild population of ring-necked parakeets that probably got started when a pair or two escaped from some aviary.

Contrary to most environmental issues, however, no one is even advocating a solution to biopollution, because there doesn't seem to be any cost

In these times you cannot AFFORD to be without THE JERUSALEM POST INTERNATIONAL EDITION

Fighting hate on the Web

While racist and anti-Semitic groups worldwide use the Internet to spread their propaganda, B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League fights to stop them. But patrolling the Internet is no easy task, writes Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

While the Internet is a cornucopia of helpful information, it can also be a bottomless pit for the dissemination of hate.

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of B'nai B'rith is increasingly concerned about the use of the World Wide Web to spread lies against the Jewish people and other ethnic, racial or religious groups, and its New York headquarters has hired numerous full-time staffers to monitor it.

The propagandists use not only written text and pictures, but have applied the latest technology in streaming audio and even video to broadcast radio and films over the Internet to a potential audience of millions.

As the Internet grows, notorious extremists are experimenting to find the most effective way to exploit its potential for propaganda distribution while lesser-known haters - attracted by the low cost and the relative ease of Internet publishing - are increasingly cranking out their messages of hate.

"Along with the advantages of technology bringing the world to our fingertips comes the invasion of hate into our homes, schools and offices when we least expect it," says ADL national director Abe Foxman. "We will continue to expose the shrewd bigots who are rushing out to take advantage of the enormous power of the Internet."

"The days of smudgy mimeographed hate tracts arriving in unmarked brown envelopes are over; today's bigots offer their message on-line in full-color animation with music and video, all designed to attract and influence young people."

"More than 50 years after the horror of the Holocaust and strides made in civil rights, we are confronted on our computer screens by age-old antisemitism and racism repackaged to entice and incite some to act out their animosity," Foxman says.

THE fastest-growing types of hate sites on the Internet are those denying the Holocaust, says Laura Kam, assistant director for public affairs at the ADL's Jerusalem office, who has just distributed copies here of *High-Tech Hate: Extremist Use of the Internet*.

The well-documented, 86-page software book was released recently by ADL headquarters and distributed to law enforcers like the US Federal Bureau of Investigation, the police, schools, computer experts and journalists.

Containing a detailed glossary of technical Internet terms, it updates a previous edition, issued by the ADL in 1996.

But the newer version is much more in depth and appears at a time when access to the Internet has expanded to millions of people, adults as well as children.

"Schools are increasingly going on line, and when pupils encounter hate material they don't know what to do," Kam says.

"Let's say that a youngster is doing a paper on the Holocaust and goes to a search engine. If he writes 'Holocaust,' he'll get not only Yad Vashem and other legitimate sources of information, but also the Web site of Bradley Smith, a major denier of the Holocaust, whose site looks as legitimate as Yad Vashem's. Smith's lies could then be incorporated into the school report and be passed on and on."

According to the volume, since the first edition was published, the number of hate sites on the Web has more than doubled. Not only have sites devoted to Holocaust denial proliferated, but many anti-semites are republishing or linking to Holocaust denial materials. More of the well known hate groups are now on the Web and many are using more sophisticated technology.

THE Ku Klux Klan, a veteran American spreader of hate against blacks and Jews whose members used to spend most of their energy prancing around in sheets and burning crosses, has expanded its Web presence as a way of recruiting members to offset its declining influence.

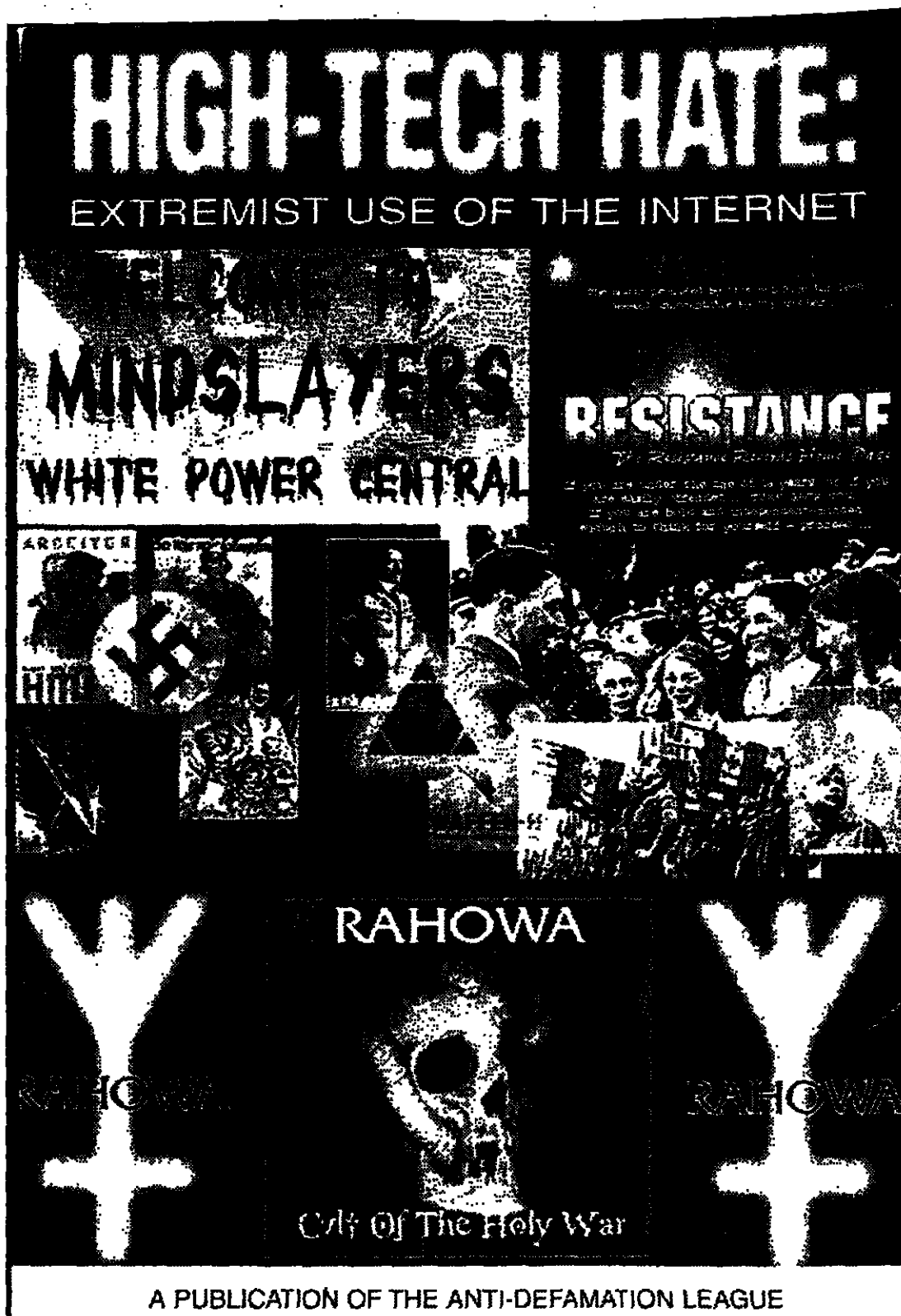
David Duke, an American white supremacist, has established a connection with the neo-Nazi National Alliance and has begun to use the Internet extensively. He has even started an Internet-only "radio" program.

William Pierce's National Alliance is also making extensive use of Internet radio. The "Identity Church Movement" has established a significant number of Web sites, appropriating the language of Christianity to justify white supremacy, racism and anti-semitism.

The aforementioned Bradley Smith has moved the focus of his attempt to spread his Holocaust denial mythology on college campuses to the Internet. Canadian Ernst Zindel and his eager disciple, Ingrid Rimland, are using the Web to promote their neo-Nazi apologetics.

These groups, according to *High-Tech Hate*, use the World Wide Web to spread their anti-government conspiracy theories and to create a community of interest.

THE Internet has also become a major source of gun and survival information. Many individuals not



ADL's handbook gives e-mail addresses to report instances of hate on the Web.

specifically connected to organized hate groups are using the Internet supplementing the on-line activities of the established groups.

The ADL volume carefully eliminated all site addresses from graphic material, fearful that anti-semites would use them to promote their ideas; however, anyone with a modicum of Internet experience could locate them using any one of the popular search engines.

Fortunately, the book lists all ADL branches in the US, Israel, Canada and Austria, including their e-mail addresses.

People who come across anti-Jewish hate sites on the Web can report them to the office in Jerusalem (adl@netvision.net.il) or in the US (webmaster@adl.org) or go into the Web site of ADL's headquarters (www.adl.org).

Besides monitoring, the ADL cannot easily stop the river of

promoters of hate, there are no laws against dissemination of this material on the Web," Kam says. "But at the very least, we can inform parents, educators and others so that the potential audience becomes immune to it. Parents must become more aware of what their children are encountering on the Internet."

EXISTING filter programs can prevent access to many pornographic sites, but there has been nothing available to keep hate sites beyond the pale. Therefore, in its continuing effort to combat hate on the Internet, the ADL recently reached an agreement with The Learning Company (TLC) in Cambridge, Massachusetts, to develop a proprietary Internet filter.

The ADL version of TLC's Cyber Patrol software, to be downloadable from the Internet, will provide users with the option of screening out hate sites and educate about the dangers of prejudice.

"We are working with the most innovative filtering software developer in the US to create a tool that will give parents the option to protect their children from hate and keep bigotry out of their homes," says ADL national chairman Howard Berkowitz. "We hope to foster an atmosphere of responsibility on-line and to set standards within the framework of the First Amendment that will give assurances to parents, educators and communities that there are means with which to help children safely navigate the Internet."

Internet users with ADL's Cyber Patrol who attempt to access hate sites will be re-directed to ADL's own Web site and be exposed to educational content devoted to informing people about prejudice and hate.

Those who want a copy of *High-Tech Hate* can contact the ADL's Jerusalem office at (02) 625-1171. It is also sold through the ADL's Web site for \$9.95 (NIS 42.40).

Dragged down by the Web?

By JOHN SCHWARTZ

What is the Internet doing to us?

The burgeoning on-line medium has proved an irresistible subject of study by social scientists thrilled to see a new society emerging virtually overnight. Academics are examining every facet of on-line life for millions of Internet users, including the ways people use the medium, its successes and failures in education and medicine, the prospects for electronic commerce and the development of communities of people linked via modem.

But despite a great deal of research, "We know very little about how the Internet is actually affecting people's lives," said James E. Katz, a leading researcher in the field and professor in the Department of Communication at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Recently, a much-touted study from Carnegie Mellon University suggested users of the Internet become lonely and socially withdrawn.

"The more people were on-line, the more signs they gave of being a little bit more socially isolated," said Robert Kraut, the lead author of the study in response to standardized questionnaires used by researchers to measure depression, stress and strength of social ties.

Reports on the study sparked a strong reaction in the on-line world from people like Arthur R. McGee, a 32-year-old staffer of a San Francisco-based Internet service provider for nonprofit groups.

"Going back as far as I can remember, my use of on-line communications has greatly increased my human interaction," McGee said on WELL, a Sausalito, California-based online service. "I've met more people in person of varying ethnic and social backgrounds than I would have without these communication tools."

But computer author Robert Lauriston countered, "I think a lot of people are in denial about the negative effects of spending too much time on-line."

On the global conference system known as Usenet, Donna Gettings, 43, a manager of an at-home medical transcription service in Pittsburgh, quipped, "According to this survey, I guess I committed suicide some time ago."

The Carnegie Mellon study is part of HomeNet, a \$1.5 million project in which 93 Pittsburgh families were given free computers and Internet accounts. The three-year-old project has already published studies showing, for example, that use evolves from initial passive World Wide Web surfing to communication activities such as e-mail and Usenet.

The group has shown that people who view pornography on-line tend to greatly decrease their porn surfing after the novelty wears off. HomeNet, however, has its limits. The 169 participants are a small group and were not selected at random - two things that make it difficult to generalize any study results to a larger population.

The researchers also did not fol-

low a "control," or similar group with no Internet access, generally considered an essential component of any such research.

THAT the researchers only surveyed the participants twice - once before they went on-line, then a year later - is a serious weakness, said Donna Hoffman, a researcher at Vanderbilt University.

The Carnegie Mellon researchers themselves note the study's large population of teenagers, who tend to grow depressed and withdrawn, might have skewed the results. Thus, there are problems with the results.

"This is not saying that the Internet does not cause depression," said Hoffman, though she doubts it does because such a finding would "run counter to experience, anecdotal evidence, practice and scholarly research" like her own. "Maybe it does - but this research does not prove that."

The notion that Net use might cause depression "surprised us," said Carnegie Mellon study co-author William Scherlis. He was careful to note "the effects that we noticed are small, but they are statistically significant. It's not a big enough effect that if you use the Internet too many hours, you're going to wake up one morning and need a prescription for Prozac."

"These are relatively minor symptoms of depression," Kraut explained, "more like being in a funk than being suicidal."

Scherlis suggested simple changes could make Internet exploration a less solitary pursuit - moving the computer from a basement office to the family room, for example.

Other researchers are examining the Internet with different results. Rutgers's Katz and colleague Philip Aspin, executive director of the Center for Research on the Information Society, surveyed 2,500 Internet users and found no evidence of social withdrawal. On-line participants are no less likely to join religious, leisure or community organizations than people who aren't online, the research indicated.

Hoffman and partner Tom Novak at Vanderbilt University's Project 2000 have collaborated with researchers at Georgia Tech and others, and focus in part on consumers and what they find compelling in electronic commerce. Their research, too, suggests many Web users consider being on-line to be both positive and enriching, leading to a satisfying mental state.

No one yet knows where various threads of research will lead, and Carnegie Mellon's Scherlis warns against reducing scientific results like his to a "bumper sticker" notion that the Internet is depressing or somehow dangerous and should therefore be controlled or restricted.

The findings "should in no way give anybody an excuse to delay bringing the Internet into the home or into the schools or into the inner city - or anywhere else for that matter," he said.

(The Washington Post)

Long-distance learning can be 'Ideal'

and satellite technology.

The "Ideal" system, developed by Erel Communications and Programming, can be expanded to ORT schools around the country. The contract turns ORT into the first educational network in the country to use interactive distance learning to link its classrooms.

The teacher can appear either on a TV or computer screen, and pupils can ask questions and hear the responses in real time. Pupils at other schools that are hooked up to the system can watch and hear all that is going on.

Bezeqkol manager Yehonah Sheri said that the ORT system is similar to that already being used by the Supersol chain, in which supermarket employees are trained in branch stores via satellite communications. The teachers and the classroom participants can hear and see each other.

ORT deputy director-general for research and training, Dr. Eli Eisenberg, added that the distance-learning system will integrate the most advanced communications technologies and pedagogical approaches into the curriculum.

ASPIRIN FOR PAINED PLANTS Aspirin helps ease the "aches and pains" suffered by plants much in the way it helps people and animals, according to American and French researchers, Reuters reports.

Writing in the *Journal of Biological Chemistry*, the researchers said their findings shed more light on the "pain mechanism" that plants have, which is similar to that of animals.

Researchers in the past have found that plants do register injury and can release chemical signals to alert their neighbors. An example is the acacia tree, which

responds to bruising by animals by sending chemical signals into the air.

Neighboring trees respond by producing a nasty-tasting chemical in their leaves. The international team found that aspirin, a broad-acting painkiller, can block this signal in plants.

Ralph Backhaus and Zhiqiang Pan of Arizona State University and colleagues at the US Department of Agriculture and the Institute of Molecular Plant Biology in Strasbourg, France, worked together on the study. Aspirin interferes with the production of prostaglandin which, in animals, is produced in response to injury, causing swelling and pain.

But in plants it was found to block the production of jasmonic acid, a hormone made by plants in distress.

"It signals the production of plant defense compounds and works a little like a shot of pain, warning the plant that

it's under attack," Backhaus said.

When the compounds become volatile, they can also warn nearby plants. As yet the researchers have not come up with a practical use for their finding.

BAGLESS VACUUM

The dirtiest and most annoying chore involved in vacuuming carpets is having to empty or replace the bag inside the machine.

But James Dyson, a graduate of Britain's Royal College of Art, who found that his vacuum cleaner was losing its suction because of dust blocking the pores of the paper bag inside, has invented the first vacuum cleaner without a bag.

The CDO1 upright model, which has a telescoping plastic tube to reach dirt in corners or off the floor, is sold at Shekhem. Sensor and other stores for NIS

2,496. The importer, BNZC in Tel Aviv, claims it also greatly reduce the presence of dust mites in carpets that cause asthma attacks in people sensitive to droppings of the microscopic creatures.

Launched in 1993, it has become the best-selling vacuum cleaner in the UK. Dyson's vacuum cleaner spins dirt and air at high speeds in two "cyclone chambers," separating the dirt using centrifugal forces. Because there's no bag to get clogged and block the flow of air, the machine maintains its suction room after room ensuring that it picks up "twice as much dust as ordinary bag cleaners."

Designed by Dyson in a modernistic form and in gray and yellow, the vacuum has even been put on permanent display in museums in the US, Japan and Europe (including London's Design Museum, Science Museum and Victoria & Albert Museum).



By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

Following the signing of a contract between ORT and Bezeqkol Communications, teachers at the ORT Technicum in Givatayim will now be able teach pupils in ORT schools located in Arad, Rehovot, Karmiel, Kiryat Motzkin and Beit She'an. The contract will provide an interactive system for distance learning based on ISDN

Clipping a lady's wings for pest control

By JON COPLEY

A voracious appetite for pests makes ladybirds, or ladybugs, a gardener's best friend. But there is a problem with these biological pest-killers - they tend to fly off before they've finished the job.

Now, however, French researchers have patented a way of breeding ladybirds that can't fly, which ensures that they stick around to finish their meal.

Using predators to control pests is widely seen as less harmful to the environment than pesticides. Ladybirds make ideal predators, since both larvae and

larvae are already used to protect growing crops.

The trouble starts when the insects grow wings.

When an American species was introduced onto lime trees in the Netherlands, for instance, most of the 30 million adults flew away in just three weeks. Andre Ferran and his colleagues at the National Institute of Agronomic Research in Antibes have now found a way to produce mutant multicoloured Asian ladybirds (*Harmonia axyridis*) that are unable to fly.

Starting with a normal population, they induced random mutations by exposing the insects to

them with a mutagen known as ethyl methyl sulphate. They picked out individual mutants that couldn't fly and bred from them.

"We carried out selective breeding to produce a population of 95% flightless ladybirds," says Ludovic Guide, who was a member of the team.

FLIGHTLESS mutants occur naturally in various ladybird species, but they tend to have deformed wings and are generally unfit, so they are little use in pest control. Ferran's mutants, however, seem just as healthy as their flying counterparts.

morphology," he says. They also reproduce normally.

Ferran proposes introducing a limited number of adults onto plants and allowing them to breed to develop captive local populations of predators that eat a broad range of creatures, including aphid, scale insects, mites and mealybugs.

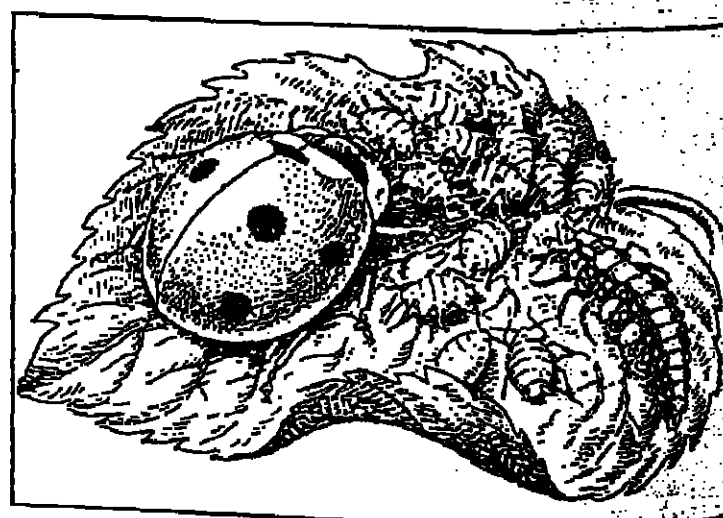
In tests, the flightless ladybirds have already been successful in keeping pests off cucumbers and melons. In the US, normal *H. axyridis* are used to control pests on crops such as pecans, apples and peaches, which means they're able to feed high in the trees. Whether their flightless

relatives will be able to do this is unclear.

"Certainly this is an interesting advance," says Mike Majerus at the University of Cambridge, who heads a group researching the population genetics of ladybirds. "Field trials are necessary to find out how efficient this is, and not just in greenhouses."

But Majerus also urges caution. "This is a very hardy ladybird, which is very tolerant of adverse winter conditions. We can keep them at 4 degrees Celsius for up to 18 months."

That hardiness, he points out, could have its drawbacks. In the US, for instance, *H. axyridis* introduced for biological control have ousted other species to



Flightless ladybugs may be a blessing for gardeners.

become one of the most common ladybirds.

have a less widespread impact. Majerus is concerned about

Blue-and-white biotech firm makes waves

Biotechnology companies usually have to fight hard for a share of the world's drug markets, and few make money. Judy Siegel-Itzkovich reports on an Israeli company that is pulling in profits

Biotechnology companies — which synthesize copies of substances found naturally in minute quantities in humans and animals for drugs to treat diseases — have a science-fiction aura of 21st-century success. But doing well financially in this field isn't easy.

Many years — even decades — of research and development cost many millions, as do testing and proving that the drug is not only effective but also doesn't cause harm to patients.

In fact, of 400 publicly traded biotech companies traded on the New York Stock Exchange, only seven are making money. Along with big names like Genentech, Chiron and Genzyme, there is an Israeli company in this profit-making pantheon: Biotechnology General (BTG), whose R&D and manufacturing facility is at Kiryat Weizmann in Rehovot and whose corporate headquarters is in Iselin, New Jersey.

Sim Fass, president and chief executive officer of BTG, notes that the 19-year-old, 250-employee company has another feather in its cap — it recently made the *Fortune* magazine (September 28 issue) list of America's fastest-growing companies.

Its 99th place ranking was based on earnings-per-share growth over three years and required annual revenue growth of at least 30 percent. "We are enormously pleased to

receive this recognition as one of the top growth companies in the US," said Fass in an interview in Jerusalem. "Indeed, we are on target to repeat this achievement without 1998 earnings."

But even so, the going isn't so easy.

BTG's Bio Hep-B recombinant vaccine against hepatitis B has been waiting for a year and a half for licensing by Israel's Health Ministry.

"Such approval is extremely important for us as it can't be authorized in the US or Europe because of an extremely broad patent given to another company that prevents us from selling our vaccine there," Fass explained.

Bio Hep-B is a "third-generation" vaccine, with three antigens, instead of only two, on the surface of the recombinant virus, so the human immune system "sees a sphere that looks like the actual hepatitis B virus itself. It's thus 10 or 15 times more powerful than other hepatitis B vaccines," Fass said.

"Its dose can be cut by half and it's effective in two shots instead of the conventional three. This also makes the treatment much less expensive — about one-20th to one-30th of the price."

The cheap cost of Bio Hep-2 makes it a natural for the Third World, where hepatitis B is endemic and where large numbers of

infants have to be vaccinated.

But because other recombinant hepatitis vaccines (such as that produced by Merck) are so expensive, these developing countries wouldn't dream of using them in mass vaccination campaigns. Instead, they buy inexpensive plasma-based hepatitis B vaccine made from actual blood, which itself poses the risk of blood-borne diseases.

Fass said Israeli licensing of BTG's vaccine would open up the Third World market to Bio Hep-2. In China alone, with 30 million babies born each year, that could mean sales of 60 million doses.

"We could also supply Vietnam and South Korea with the necessary vaccine immediately if we got Health Ministry approval. Displacing a dangerous plasma vaccine would be good not only for the Third World; it would be good diplomatically and economically for Israel too. Over 3,000 people have been vaccinated with no untoward effects; it's a very safe drug."

MINISTRY pharmaceutical division chief Batya Haran is familiar with BTG's application.

"We asked for additional written material, including recommendations from experts, and received it in July," she said. "We have never licensed a new medication without previous US Food and Drug Administration approval — except once, many years ago, when it



BTG's Fass: Israeli licensing of BTG's hepatitis B vaccine could mean sales of 60 million doses in China alone.

involved a simple, straightforward drug.

"Although we know Bio Hep-2 is an excellent product, we must be absolutely sure it's safe over the long term." "Even if the drug were only for export to the Third World, we consider drugs' efficacy and safety as if they were to be marketed in Israel," said Haran.

The pharmaceuticals director noted that her division is small because "the Treasury and the Civil Service Commission have refused to grant us additional employees to test drugs. We can't do shortcuts, and we certainly can't compete with the FDA, so we almost always have to depend for much evidence on their and European agencies' conclusions."

Haran couldn't predict if and when Bio Hep-2 would get its

license, but said work on the application would continue.

BTG's biggest-selling drug Oxandrin — an anabolic steroid relative of testosterone that doesn't pose a risk of liver damage or cause androgenic effects in women who take it — is worth \$40 million a year.

Originally conceived as a drug to restore muscle mass in AIDS and cancer patients, it has been found to be useful for many other types of patients.

"It's effective against cachexia (muscle wasting) — it induces protein synthesis," explained Fass, chief executive officer of BTG. "Appetite enhancers promote the increase of body fat, not of protein, so the patient's body is not strengthened. But Oxandrin boosts muscle formation, and this can be critical in improving the patient's

condition."

With AIDS patients living longer thanks to the drug "cocktails" that slow the multiplication of HIV, they need this drug to reverse their cachexia. The drug has been approved for any unexplained weight loss, whether from cancer, infection, surgery, AIDS or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

Fass said that 15 million Americans suffer from COPD, whether as a result of smoking, emphysema and other conditions. About 10 percent of these have cachexia, meaning that their chest muscles are weak and make it difficult to breathe. Oxandrin can greatly improve their condition, Fass explained.

In addition, it has been shown to be effective in promoting wound healing after surgery or injury or in burns patients.

"When there's a wound, muscle mass grabs the protein in the body at the expense of the wound's healing. So when Oxandrin increases muscle mass, the wound heals much faster. This reduces the number of skin grafts that severe burns patients need and thus the time they have to spend in intensive care — so the drug is potentially a great economic boon. Oxandrin has enormous potential."

THE company's second-largest-selling product is Bio-Tropin, a recombinant growth hormone. BTG recently concluded an agreement with Japan's major drug company Sumitomo to sell Bio-Tropin in that country.

"This," said Fass, "will increase our market share from the current 8 percent to 25 percent in one year."

Other products in BTG's medicine cabinet include BioLon

(hyaluronic acid), which is a major ophthalmological drug. It's used during cataract removal, a lubricant that facilitated such surgery by allowing manipulation of the ocular tissues.

Another drug in the pipeline is Debridase, a powder derived from pineapples, that allows easy debridement of scar tissue from burns and surgical patients, instead of having to use mechanical means to remove dead tissue and dirt which would then allow fresh skin to grow underneath. It's been used clinically on 200 Israeli patients, and the Israel Defense Forces is interested as well.

"It'll take three or four years to get FDA approval, and then it should be a bonanza for BTG," Fass said.

With its drug portfolio doing well, BTG is now on the lookout for purchasing "about one to three companies" in the US or in Israel, said Fass.

"Ideally, they must be companies that have a proprietary patented drug or delivery system — not diagnostic equipment — and that have their own niche market. We could use our extensive marketing and sales organization to promote their products," Fass said.

BTG's president urges the Israeli government to put more emphasis on promoting biotech and pharmaceutical companies.

"They don't have the quick returns as computer-related companies, as development and approval takes 10 to 15 years. But appropriate state investment in this sector could really pay off in the longer term. Israeli biotech has an excellent reputation around the world, and it's regarded as an opportunity, despite the current political disappointments."

Teaching non-Western ways

By SHARI ROAN

MINNEAPOLIS — In Room 4-180 of the University of Minnesota's Weaver-Densford lecture hall, a student is prone on a padded table with four long needles protruding from her right calf. Welcome to a medical school that has decided it's time to teach students that Western medicine isn't the only way to heal.

The guest lecturer — registered nurse and acupuncturist Colet Lahoz — examines the heart and small intestines by pressing her fingers on the left wrist of the student, who has complained of chronic leg pain.

Lahoz finds "cold dampness" in the spleen and recommends "warming the channels and draining moisture" through acupuncture. If that fails, she instructs the students circling the table to look for a fungal or parasitic infection.

Meanwhile, a short distance across campus at Fairview-University Medical Center, Sister Mary Casey, a chaplain and licensed massage therapist, has just conducted a guided imagery treatment with a patient and is relaxing now in a chapel-like room called the Meditation Place.

"I pick up things with my hands," says Casey, explaining how a chaplain becomes a massage therapist. "I invite patients to breathe, and I can connect with them."

Elsewhere in the vast Academic Health Center, a study is underway to look at relaxation and guided imagery to ease chemotherapy. The head of a research clinic is studying whether a change in diet could reduce the need for high-blood-pressure medication. A class of medical students discusses the concept of a patient's soul, and pharmacy students are conducting a study of herb use in the city's large Vietnamese community.

All this activity falls under a year-old program called the Center for Spirituality and Healing that is garnering national attention for its plunge into complementary medicine.

While many medical schools are adding such courses, Minnesota is perhaps making the most serious effort at training students in a new model. And, says Dr. James Gordon, clinical professor at Georgetown University School of Medicine, Minnesota's alternative health program is "the most important effort that's going on around the country because it is far-reaching, thoughtful, evidence-based and including a wide range of people in discussions."

Gordon's last point may be the most noteworthy. Not only is the University of Minnesota making changes on-campus, but it has connected with a most unlikely ally: the city's world-class bio-

medical industry.

ON the Spirituality and Healing Center's development board sits Earl Bakken, the inventor of the cardiac pacemaker who, now semi-retired from his company, Medtronic, has decided to devote his energies to nontechnological methods of healing.

"To change medical school curricula takes years. But we need to get physicians at a level now where they understand what is critical to know about alternative therapies," says Mary Jo Kreitzer, director of the Center for Spirituality and Healing.

"Medical students need to know enough to talk to patients, access data, evaluate research findings, make referrals and understand interdisciplinary teamwork."

Typically at medical schools around the nation, alternative medicine is being taught by a single individual or two with grudging approval from a dean, says Dr. Patricia Muehsam, who heads the newly formed Association of American Medical Colleges task force on integrative medicine and teaches a course at New York's Mount Sinai Medical School.

"My course was an add-on," Muehsam says. "It is not integrated into the curriculum. There is no budget for it. I'm a one-woman show. And I don't believe this is optimal. The long-term goal of the

task force is to reassess the meaning and intent of medical training and have an integrated curriculum."

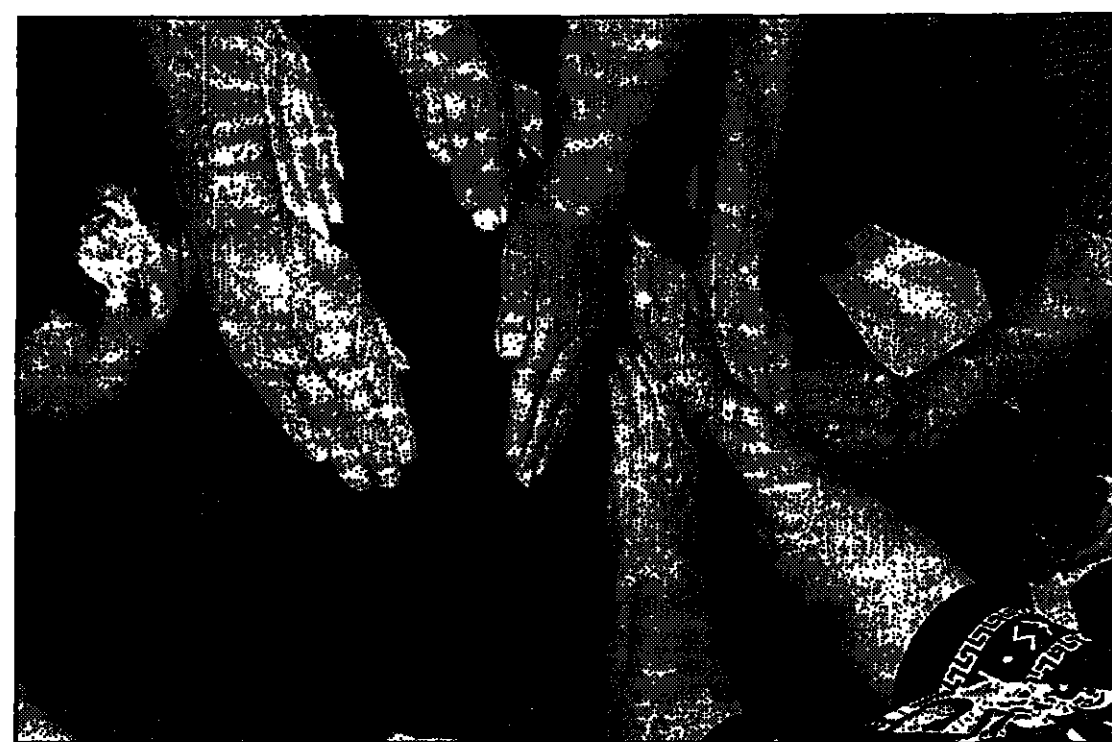
While veteran physicians may find it tough to discuss guided imagery or herbs with patients, today's medical student appears to yearn for a career beyond CT scans, health insurer dictates and prescription pads.

There is evidence that students pursuing health careers today are more comfortable with such concepts as mind-body medicine and spirituality. One of the most popular electives in the medical school is to follow the chaplain around.

The University of Minnesota defines spirituality not as religion but as helping people find "purpose, meaning and connection."

"I'm guessing that previous generations of doctors had faith, and their spirituality kept them going. But there wasn't freedom to acknowledge it," Sister Casey says. "Things have changed. The trend in complementary medicine gives doctors new permission, but also new expectations. What if you're a doctor and your patient asks, 'Will you pray with me?' There's a different kind of pressure on doctors. You still have to be a risk-taker to do this."

COMMUNITY enthusiasm has led the university to begin construction of a new integrative health clinic called the Mind, Body and Spirit



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Clinic, which will open in the fall. In addition, Medtronic's Bakken is honorary co-chair of a \$10 million development campaign to expand the Center for Spirituality and Healing.

Her involvement in the program sends a strong message to the community, Kreitzer says.

"It's a paradox to have a biomedical engineer who totally under-

stands mind-body medicine," says Bakken, who invented the first implantable pacemaker in 1957 but eventually became disenchanted with modern medicine. "I found that the pacemakers worked better in some doctors' hands than in others."

"I discovered the impact is how the doctor and nurse works with the patient's body, mind and spirit."

Even a good technician will have a poor result if they are working with just the body," he says. "Body, mind and spirit is what medicine was about before the scientific age. Good physicians know what their words can mean. It's a failing of our health care system that we don't have time for words at the bedside."

(The Los Angeles Times)

'Mommy, I'm scared'

By ANDREW QUINN

SAN FRANCISCO — Though American children grow up in a culture where violence is pervasive in movies, television and even song lyrics, it seems that many children trace their fears about life to one key source: TV news.

"What we call news has become so sensational," said Joanne Cantor, a psychologist from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. "It's all the news that's fit to terrify."

Cantor and Barbara Wilson of the University of California-Santa Barbara told a recent meeting of the American Psychological Association here that TV news, particularly local news programs, can lead to elevated fears among children.

Pointing to the explosive growth of television news outlets, and a trend toward more graphic pictures of violence and mayhem, the two psychologists said television news should be closely monitored by parents and teachers for its "fright factor" for young children.

Specifically, they argued that new "V-chip" technology aimed at allowing parents to screen out TV programs deemed inappropriate for children should be extended to cover news broadcasts — which under current proposals would be exempt.

"As children begin to understand the differences between fantasy and reality, the news becomes more frightening," Cantor said. "These fright reactions can be intense and debilitating."

Much of the fright revolves around stories that children feel

Coverage of the recent rash of US school shootings and the murder of six-year-old beauty queen JonBenet Ramsey can lead children into exaggerated fears for their own safety, the researchers said.

While younger children are often terrified by pictures of natural disasters, wars and famine, older children focus their fears on stories of crime and violence — particularly when they are directed at children.

"Children need to have some reasonable amount of information about the dangers that are important to them," Wilson said. "But what they are getting is exaggerated fears of things that are not necessarily the dangers they are going to encounter."

IN one recent study conducted among primary school children in Santa Barbara, Wilson found that 51 percent could describe in detail a recent television news story that had frightened them — ranging from gang violence to natural disasters. These fears are amplified by the fact that children, much more than adults, are likely to believe what they see on the television news.

In Wilson's study, a full 94 percent of the children said they believed TV news was truthful all or most of the time.

"There is a very high perceived reality for TV news among kids," Wilson said.

Cantor said studies like Wilson's indicated that violent television news stories caused heightened and often unrealistic fears among chil-



A study has shown that violent TV news stories cause heightened and often unrealistic fears in children.

overestimate the murder rate in a city like Los Angeles. And, she added, many parents found it difficult to deal with their children's fears — which, after all, were based at least in part on real threats.

"One of the problems is that you cannot tell children it's not real," said Cantor, whose new book, *Mommy, I'm Scared*, is aimed at

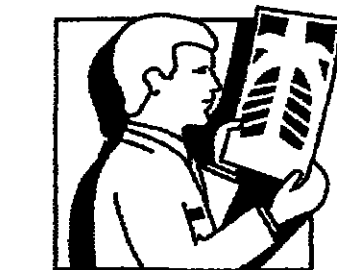
helping parents deal with their children's fears. "The most you can do is put a safe sort of spin on a story."

"I am not someone who believes that children should be shielded from everything," Cantor said. "But TV news just isn't the best way for children to learn about the world."

(Reuters)

Off with the old, on with the new

Health Scan



By Post Health Reporter

Israelis want a change... in the way they look. A survey conducted of the general public found that a quarter of those aged 18 and over would undergo plastic surgery or other aesthetic treatment on at least one part of their body if they could get it for free. Of those, the largest chunk, 25%, wanted liposuction to remove body fat, 22% wanted a new nose, and 16% preferred a face-lift.

According to the poll, conducted by the publicity and public-relations agency BBDO/Glam for Sheba Hospital's for-profit plastic-surgery facility Class Clinic, only 3% of women would want to undergo breast enlargement or reduction, while 18% of the men said they would recommend that their wife or girlfriend have such surgery.

Women, on the other hand, were keen on having their husbands or boyfriends remove warts and other skin growths and colorations.

SWEET PREVENTION OF EAR INFECTIONS
Daily doses of xylitol, a sweet-

ener derived from birch bark commonly found in chewing gum, may reduce the incidence of ear infections in children by as much as 40%, according to a study from Finland. The protective effect may be in the sweetener's bacteria-fighting ability, according to a University of Oulu report published in *Pediatrics*.

The findings were based on a study of 857 daycare-center children, who were given syrup, chewing gum or lozenges with xylitol. A control group received gum or syrup without the substance. Those who received the xylitol gum showed a 40% lower incidence of otitis media — the painful ear infection that commonly afflicts young children.

Those who were given the xylitol syrup showed a 30% lower incidence of the same infection, the study said. Xylitol in lozenge form did not appear to reduce the number of infections, however. Obviously, parents must be aware of the choking hazard in giving gum to young children.

The Finnish researchers noted that with the increasing appearance of antimicrobial resistance, alternatives were needed to prevent bacterial diseases. Xylitol seems to be a promising new product, effective in syrup and chewing gum, for preventing acute middle-ear infections in children.

ECG IN YOUR WALLET
Shahal, the private ambulance and cardio-emergency service, has launched an innovative device to

protect subscribers' health. Called Cardipocket, it's a "smart wallet" for transmitting electrocardiogram data to Shahal headquarters. The foldable leather wallet contains a special ECG device that is placed on the chest near a phone, which transmits the electronic data to Shahal; or a special wearable transmitter can beam the data to the phone from another room, such as a bathroom.

ICHILOV UPDATED
Ichilov Hospital's emergency medicine department has moved and is now closer to the entrance of the building. The construction was made possible by a contribution from Claridge-Israel, headed by Jonathan Kolber, who is also the president of the Friends of Ichilov Hospital Organization. The department treats 450 people a day (or 10,000 a month) and is one of the busiest emergency rooms in the country.

The modern new facility, planned four years ago and designed for the 21st century, increased available beds from 35 to 55 and added two digital X-ray machines. Entrances and exits are in separate locations to reduce congestion. A trauma room and intensive-care facility are adjacent to the entrance, eliminating wasted time for seriously ill patients.

The hospital says the facility will help it cope with the needs of Tel Aviv's aging population and the (mostly uninsured) foreign workers who come to Ichilov for help.



DILBERT



BY SCOTT ADAMS



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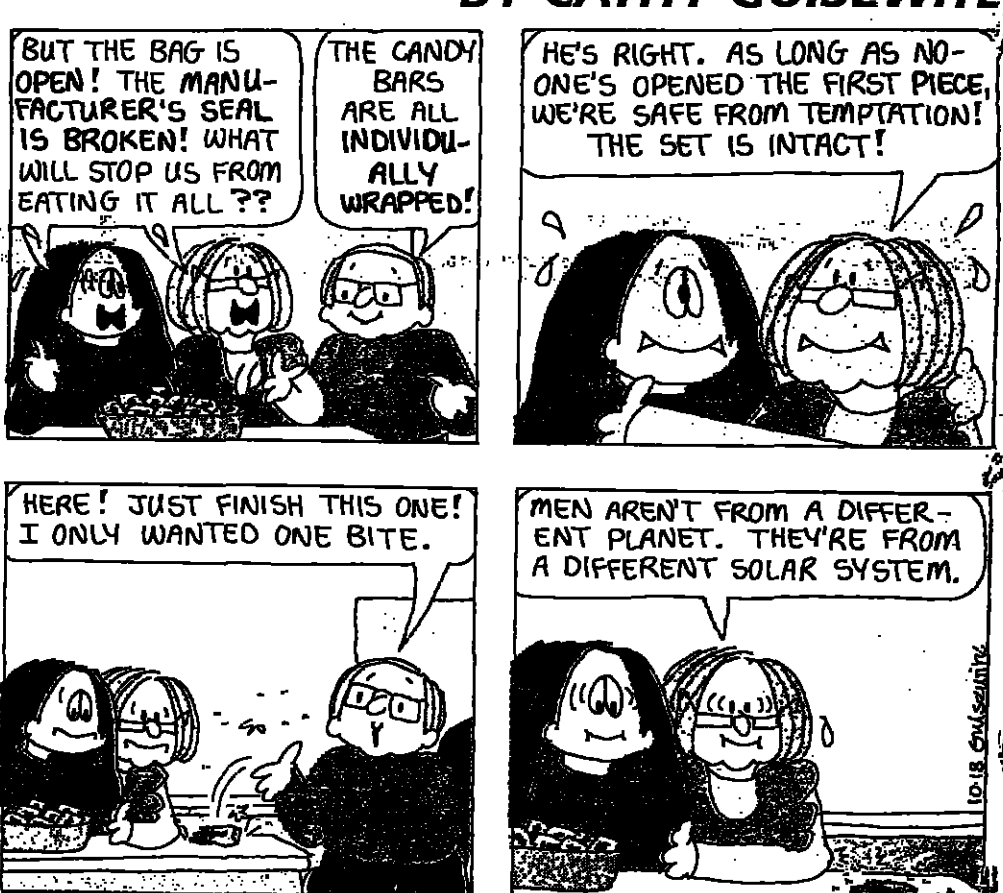
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By HEATHER CHAIT

For the second successive year, Amit Inbar has won the silver medal at the world sailing championships in the Mistral event.

Yesterday, 27-year-old Inbar finished second behind New Zealand's Aaron McIntosh after the 11 sails in seven days of competition ended in Brest, France.

Last year Inbar was runner-up in the championships in Australia and earlier this year he won the gold medal at the European Championships in Greece.

In Inbar's last four sails in France, his results were 7, 5, 8 and 17th places, which moved him from fifth up to second place in the world rankings.

Olympic bronze medalist Gal Friedman finished in 24th place in Brest.

Yehuda Ma'ayan, President of the Israel Yachting Association sounded pleased but not surprised last night. "This excellent result just proves again that sailing is the No. 1 sport in Israel," he said.

Inbar returns to Israel today.

Rejuvenated Taylor reaches the summit

Australian captain
equals Bradman's
Test best with 334 not
out before declaring

By TONY HARPER

SYDNEY (AP) — Australian cricket greats from Dennis Lillee to the Chappell brothers were telling Mark Taylor that his career was over and it was time to tuck the bat under his arm and walk.

Just 16 months ago only Taylor didn't think he was a dead man. He went 20 straight innings without a half century and was in the worst slump of any Australian captain in history.

"His bat consisted entirely of edges and there was glue upon the soles of his boots — he didn't look capable of scoring 34, let alone 334," wrote cricket columnist Peter Roebuck after Taylor joined Sir Donald Bradman as the highest scoring Australian on Friday in the second Test against Pakistan.

Yesterday, Taylor decided against batting on to pass Bradman, his declaration at 599 for four coming as an anti-climax at home where news bulletins all day tipped he would chase runs for another 40 minutes. His decision also cost him a chance to beat Brian Lara's world record 375 and left Taylor and Bradman as equal seventh on the all-time highest Test score list.

"The record doesn't mean anything," Taylor said Friday.

"I'd prefer to win this game, that's what I'm here for. The Australian team held a vote Friday night and decided that Taylor should bat on. He ignored it."

After his declaration, Saeed Anwar and Ijaz Ahmed responded with centuries to take Pakistan to 329 for two at the close on the third day of the second Test.

The double-century second-wicket partnership between

Anwar (126) and Ahmed (125 not out) left Pakistan 270 runs short of Australia's first innings of 599 for four.

Pakistan needed another 71 runs to avoid follow-on with eight wickets in hand.

Taylor's innings itself, and a declaration which put the team cause ahead of his own record hopes, was inspiring stuff from a man who brings little artistry but an extraordinary work ethic and self-belief to the game.

"I give him absolutely full marks for this innings," said Bill Brown, an Australia opener during Bradman's era. "I've always liked his style of play and liked the man himself. I think he's a delightful fellow."

Of course a good character has never been enough in sport where results are paramount. Taylor's 18-month personal crisis, through 1996 and into 1997, was enough to have him sacked had he been a mere player instead of the captain of the world's best side.

But while Greg and Ian Chappell, the loudest of many detractors, were demanding he stand aside, Taylor infuriated them with his determination to stay.

Despite the slump, he was leading a winning team. That gave him the support of his predecessor Allan Border.

There was strong speculation that Taylor might be dropped ahead of the last year's Ashes tour of England.

It seemed everyone was taking sides, even the Prime Minister, John Howard.

"A lot of Australian captains in the past went through the sort of valleys and troughs of despair and not getting many runs and I devoutly hope that the Australian selectors stick with Mark," said Howard.

The selectors agreed, while the



CHANCELESS INNINGS — Mark Taylor scores adds another single to his score as Pakistan wicketkeeper Moin Khan waits for an error from the Australian captain's bat.

English taunted Taylor.

Representatives from the London Mirror presented a ruffled Taylor with a three-meter wide bat on his arrival for the Ashes, and after a run of failures in the warm-up games there was increased talk that he would be dumped.

In a reversal of fortunes, Taylor thrived, scoring 129 in the Edgbaston first Test, but the team lost. Fortune shifted again: Taylor slipped back into the doldrums and Australia won the series. While Taylor found it

hard to score a run he won all five coin tosses.

"My future is going to be based around how I play," Taylor admitted on his return from the Ashes tour. "My captaincy certainly hasn't fallen away in the last year. It's going to be up to me to make some runs." Taylor scored another fine century earlier this year against India but lost the series.

Now, after two years of failing as the team soared and soaring on the rare occasions the team failed, Taylor has a chance to

lead the team to the summit with his bat rather than his captaincy brain.

He led the team to its first victory in Pakistan for 39 years during the first Test and this innings has placed the team on the verge of a series win on the subcontinent, Taylor's last major goal.

His old fans were still with him yesterday.

"Congratulations on a fantastic innings," Howard said in his message to the cricket captain. "Your tenacity and durability as

a batsman and Australian captain is admirable. All Australians are excited by your achievement."

The issue dominated sports talkback radio yesterday.

"I've been a cricket fan for 20 years and I've never heard a 300 before," said one fan on Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio. "I couldn't believe it, I was jumping up and down and my guide dog had never heard me make a noise like that before." Taylor wasn't the only one with blind faith after all.

Stats don't lie: Big winners often fall short in World Series

NEW YORK (AP) — Their season has been one big highlight reel, from David Wells' perfect game to El Duque's debut to Derek Jeter's clinching triple in the AL championship series.

And, oh, the numbers they've piled up: 24 series in a row without losing any, 48 straight games of holding a lead, 114 victories in the regular season.

Yet here's one sobering stat for the New York Yankees and their fans: Not since the 1989 Oakland A's has the top-winning team gone on to win the World Series.

So it was no surprise that after taking the No. 4 subway from Grand Central Terminal, Tony Gwynn arrived at Yankee Stadium for the first time in his life Friday and pronounced his underdog San Diego Padres ready to play.

"It's our chance to put our city on the map," Gwynn said.

To do that and take their first title, the Padres will have to topple baseball's most successful team. Coming off a season in which they set an AL mark for victories, the Yankees will try to win their record 24th crown.

"I think there is always going to be a place in history for us," said David Wells, who was to pitch Game 1 last night against Kevin Brown.

The Padres hope to make their own October mark after surprising both Houston and Atlanta in the NL playoffs.

"We have been underdogs every time and we are still underdogs in this series and we look forward to that," Padres postseason hero Jim Leyritz said. "We like the challenge."

"I think there is pressure on both sides," he said. "They have had a great season so far. We have had a pretty good season, I think."

Leyritz, who helped the Yankees win the 1996 World Series and will serve as the Padres' designated hitter at New York, is just one of many players here with ties to both teams.

NLCS MVP Sterling Hitchcock and Brian Boehringer formerly pitched for the Yankees. San Diego reserve Ruben Rivera also played for them, and he's a cousin of New York closer Mariano Rivera.

Gwynn, on the other hand, had never been inside Yankee Stadium until now. He arrived at the ballpark about two hours before Friday's workout and toured Monument Park.

"The first plaque you see is Babe Ruth," Gwynn said. "It hits you like a ton of baseballs. This is what it's

all about." "We're going to play on the same field where Babe Ruth hit 700 home runs. Joe DiMaggio had his streak. Lou Gehrig had his games played streak. Don Larsen," he said. "The list is endless."

Wells, a native San Diegan, pitched his perfect game at the park in May. The ALCS MVP was 3-0 in the playoffs and is 7-1 lifetime in the postseason.

Brown, too, has had his moments at Yankee Stadium. Overall, he's 12-3 with a 2.50 ERA against the Yankees, his top win total versus an opponent.

"It has been a while since I have faced most of these guys over here," Brown said. "So I don't know if there is any real advantage one way or the other. Some of them have seen me in the past. I am probably a little bit different than what they remember." There was a bit of lineup news — rookie Ricky Ledee will start the opener in left field for the Yankees, ahead of Chad Curtis, Tim Lincecum and Shane Spencer. All four started during the ALCS against Cleveland, and manager Joe Torre picked Ledee because he bats left-handed and does well in the field.

Torre also said Orlando "El Duque" Hernandez will pitch Game 2 on Sunday night, followed by David Cone and Andy Pettitte. Andy Ashby will start Game 2 for the Padres, followed by Hitchcock. Brown remains a possibility for Game 4.

Joe DiMaggio hospitalized with pneumonia

MIAMI (AP) — American baseball great Joe DiMaggio didn't get to throw out the ceremonial first pitch of the World Series last night because he has pneumonia.

Instead, he planned to watch on television from his hospital room while dining on pasta and hoagies.

DiMaggio, who will be 84 next month, was hospitalized in Hollywood, Florida on Monday.

DiMaggio was the choice of New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner to throw out the ceremonial first pitch for Game 1 of the Series. Now, Chicago Cubs slugger Sammy Sosa will do the honors.

Hospital officials declined to comment on DiMaggio's condition, but a close friend said he should be released tomorrow.

DiMaggio, who played in 10 World Series during his 13 years with the Yankees, was scheduled to fly to New York for this one.

He established himself as one of baseball's greatest players. He played in 11 All-Star Games and was the American League's Most Valuable Player three times.

His 56-game hitting streak in 1941 is still a record. He was selected to the Hall of Fame in 1955, four years after he retired.

Progress? NBA open to union proposal

NEW YORK (AP) — In one of the first signs of possible progress in the National Basketball Association lockout, owners agreed Friday to accept the union's concept of a luxury tax on some contracts to see if such a system will slow salary growth.

"We are willing to try it the union's way, but they have to agree that if it doesn't work, we then have to try it our way," deputy commissioner Russ Granik said.

The league asked for a two-year trial, with higher tax rates and a lower threshold than the union had proposed. A hard salary cap would kick in for the 2000-01 season if the percentage of league revenue devoted to salaries failed to drop from 57 percent to 52 percent.

Despite the apparent movement on the part of the owners, the union responded negatively. "It appears at a quick glance to be a step backward — more onerous than the proposal we received from them Sept. 24," union director Billy Hunter said. "It may be disguised in terms

of a tax, but it is in fact a hard cap." According to the league's projections, the tax would have no impact on 85 percent of future player contracts. But Hunter claimed it would be a tax on all contracts, not just "Larry Bird exception" contracts as the league said, and would cause 90-95 percent of the players to accept the league minimum salary.

The Bird rule allows teams to exceed the salary cap to retain their own free agents.

"Our intent was to address the concern of the superstar contracts, like the Kevin Garnett contract that everyone points to. The tax they've come back with impacts the entire system," Hunter said.

The league's proposal calls for a tax to be levied on any contract signed under the Bird exception for more than \$2.6 million, which was the average salary in the 1997-98 season.

The tax would be paid by owners, with the revenue redistributed to low-revenue teams. In theory, it would deter teams from signing overly

lucrative contracts.

The tax rate would be 50 percent of the amount over \$2.6 million for all contracts worth up to \$10 million annually.

For contracts worth between \$10 million and \$15 million, the tax would be 100 percent; between \$15 million and \$20 million, 150 percent; and for contracts worth more than \$20 million, 200 percent, Granik said.

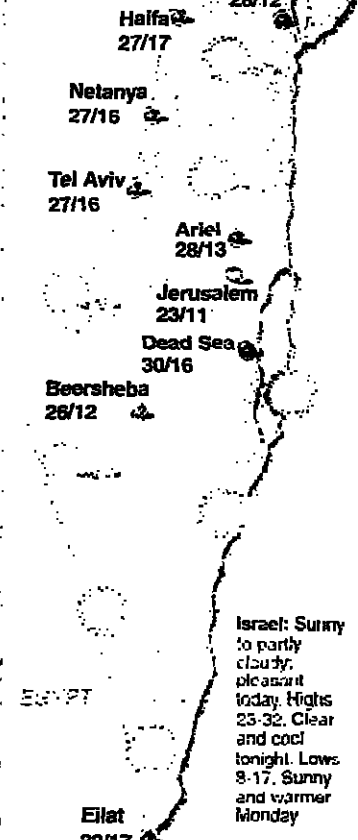
The league also included an exemption for any player who accepts a Bird contract with a 5 percent raise. Such a rule would allow the Chicago Bulls to re-sign Michael Jordan for about \$36 million next season without having to pay any tax.

The NBA has already canceled the first two weeks of the season, 99 games. More games will be lost if the sides can't reach agreement soon. The only day available for bargaining this week is Tuesday, since the sides expect to receive an arbitration ruling from John Feerick tomorrow and the union's hierarchy will leave Wednesday for a player meeting in Las Vegas.

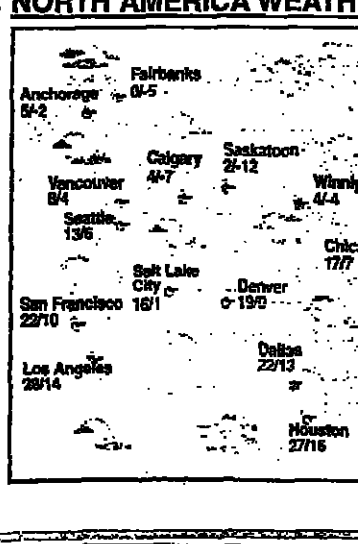
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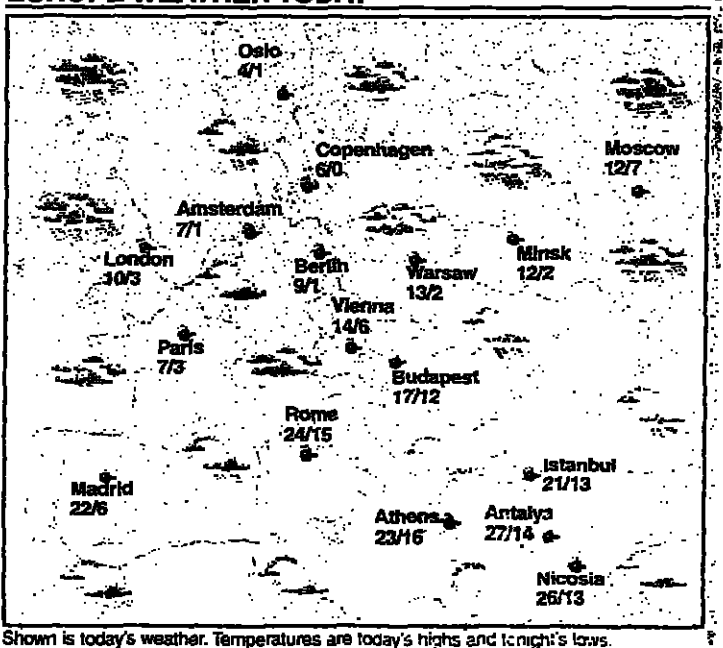
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NORTH AMERICA WEATHER TODAY



EUROPE WEATHER TODAY



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City	Today		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Ariel	26/12	13/5/16	30/18	16/5/16	32/19	16/5/16	33/21	17/6/20
Beersheba	26/12	13/5/16	27/10	14/5/16	28/11	17/6/20	28/12	18/6/21
Dead Sea	30/18	16/5/16	32/19	17/6/20	34/21	17/6/20	35/22	18/6/21
Haifa	27/10	17/6/20	28/11	18/6/21	29/12	19/6/22	30/13	20/6/23
Jerusalem	26/12	13/5/16	27/10	14/5/16	28/11	17/6/20	28/12	18/6/21
Katmon	26/12	13/5/16	27/10	14/5/16	28/11	17/6/20	28/12	18/6/21
Nelanya	27/10	17/6/20	28/11	18/6/21	29/12	19/6/22	30/13	20/6/23
Tel Aviv	27/10	17/6/20	28/11	18/6/21	29/12	19/6/22	30/13	20/6/23
Tiberias	26/12	13/5/16	27/10	14/5/16	28/11	17/6/20	28/12	18/6/21

INTERNATIONAL CITIES

City	Today		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Amsterdam	14/4	13/4	17/12	7/4/13	18/13	8/4/14	19/14	9/4/15
Beijing	9/8	13/4	8/8	13/4	9/9	13/4	10/10	14/5
Berlin	7/4	13/4	8/8	13/4	9/9	13/4	10/10	14/5
Brussels	10/10	13/4	11/11	13/4	12/12	14/5	13/13	15/6
Chicago	10/10	13/4	11/11	13/4	12/12	14/5	13/13	15/6
Frankfurt	10/10	13/4	11/11	13/4	12/12	14/5	13/13	15/6
Hong Kong	25/11	25/11	26/12	26/12	27/13	27/13	28/14	28/14
London	10/10	13/4	11/11	13/4	12/12	14/5	13/13	15/6
Los Angeles	26/12	13/5/16	27/10	14/5/16	28/11	17/6/20	28/12	18/6/21
Madrid	26/12	13/5/16	27/10	14/5/16	28/11	17/6/20	28/12	18/6/21
Mexico City	26/12	13/5/16	27/10	14/5/16	28/11	17/6/20	28/12	18/6/21
Moscow	12/3	7/4/13	13/8	8/4/14	14/9	9/4/15	15/10	10/4/16
New York	26/12	13/5/16	27/10	14/5/16	28/11	17/6/20	28/12	18/6/21
Paris	14/4	13/4	17/12	7/4/13	18/13	8/4/14	19/14	9/4/15
Prague	10/10	13/4	11/11	13/4	12/12	14/5	13/13	15/6
Rio de Janeiro	26/12	13/5/16	27/10	14/5/16	28/11	17/6/20	28/12	18/6/21
Rome	26/12	13/5/16	27/10	14/5/16	28/11	17/6/20	28/12	18/6/21
Sydney	26/12	13/5/16	27/10	14/5/16	28/11	17/6/20	28/12	18/6/21
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Toronto	26/12	13/5/16	27/10	14/5/16	28/11	17/6/20	28/12	18/6/21
Vancouver	26/12	13/5/16	27/10	14/5/16	28/11	17/6/20	28/12	18/6/21
Washington	26/12	13/5/16	27/10	14/5/16	28/11	17/6/20	28/12	18/6/21
Zurich	11/12	4/3/10	12/13	7/4/13	13/14	8/4/14	14/15	9/4/15

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